

June 14, 1938

My dear Mr. President:

Your kind offer to allow a scientist from the Smithsonian Institution to accompany your coming cruise is most deeply appreciated. After consideration of the localities that will be visited and the type of work that will be possible, with your approval, we plan to detail Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator of Marine Invertebrates, in the U. S. National Museum, for this work. The more important results are to be expected from the sea hence our selection of a man skilled in marine life.

Dr. Schmitt is an expert marine zoologist and, while he has not published on fishes, is well acquainted with the marine fish fauna that will be encountered. He is experienced in field work and on previous expeditions for us has visited the Galapagos Islands on three occasions, has traveled entirely around the coast of South America down to Tierra del Fuego, has visited the Falkland Islands, and has traveled in the West Indies. He is thoroughly familiar with life aboard ship and with the type of scientific collecting that will be possible on your cruise.

We will expect to pay Dr. Schmitt's transportation to the point of embarkation, his subsistence while on board ship, and his transportation to Washington at the end of the cruise. We will also supply the necessary collecting equipment. In addition to collecting specimens we will wish to have him try modern color photography on the brilliantly colored fishes and other marine animals encountered.

Opportunity to investigate Clipperton Island is especially welcome as in our previous work we have not been successful in reaching that spot. Clipperton is the only coral atoll in the eastern Pacific and there is promise of much of interest there, as well as at the other localities to be visited.

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Dr. Wetmore, Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, has brought to my attention the enclosed publication on the birds of Clipperton and Cocos Islands, that I take the liberty of forwarding to you because of the excellent account of the physical features of these two islands found in the introduction. If convenient, this may be returned to us some time later as the paper comes from Dr. Wetmore's personal library.

If the proposal made is acceptable, we shall greatly appreciate definite information as to the time and place of sailing and any other data that may be required for Dr. Schmitt's information.

Thanking you again for your consideration, I have the honor to remain

Yours faithfully,

C. G. Abbot
Secretary.

The President
Washington, D. C.

F. B. ADAMS

ROOM 2012
60 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK

February 5, 1941

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

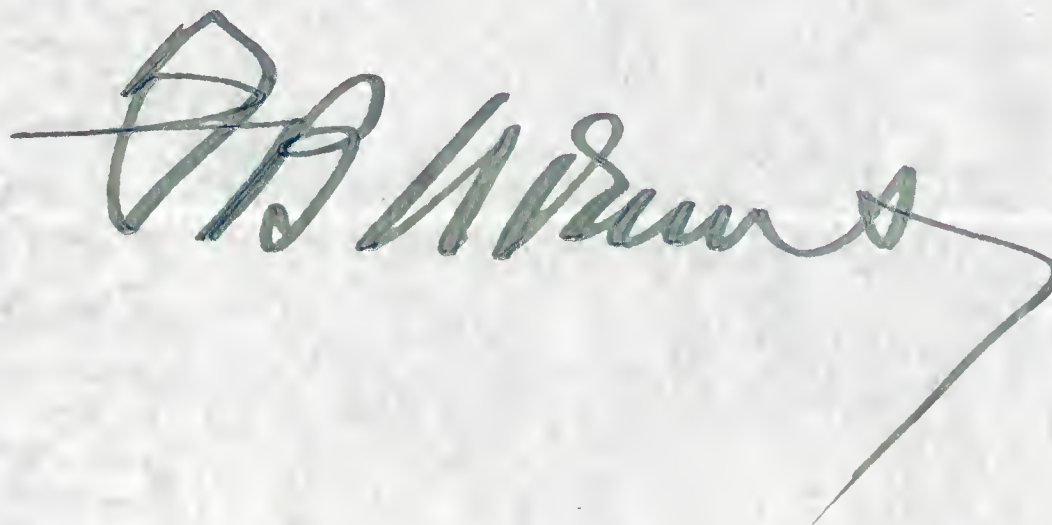
I am sure I have you to thank for the copies of the five new publications of the Smithsonian Institution containing reports on further material collected on the cruise of the HOUSTON in 1938.

I have been impressed by the range covered by these investigations and reports - Cardiff, Cambridge, Sharon, Duke University and Southern California. These all attest the importance of that interesting voyage we took together, and to your diligence in making these collections.

I congratulate you on these reports and send you my best personal regards and remembrances, as well as the hope that our paths may cross at some near time in the future.

Believe me, with renewed thanks,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "F. B. Adams", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

U.S.S. HOUSTON

Mare Island, California,
13 September, 1938.

Dear Dr. Schmitt,

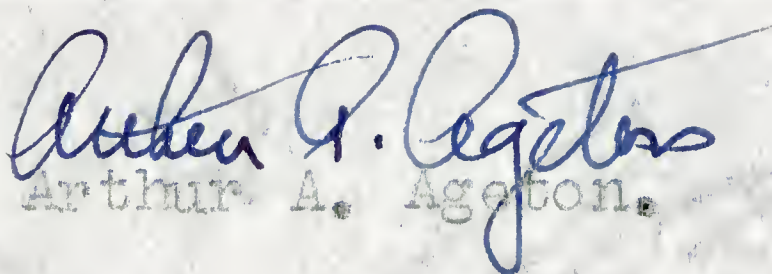
Thank you for your note of 6 September. I am the one who should be embarrassed not you, for I should have known that you intended to use your fine pictures for illustrations for an article. You are eminently fitted to do the scientific end of the cruise and I hope that your article will appear in the Geographic.

My story is just about finished and will go forward for such censorship as Mr. Early or the Navy Department wish to give it in a few days. As you probably will surmise, I am writing the yarn from the human interest angle. I have touched on your activities as extensively as I could from what I was able to find out about them here on board. That aspect makes no attempt to be more than general from a layman's point of view. I hope my scientific mistakes and sins are not too heinous.

I have collected a fine group of black and white photographs which I am sending on to the Magazine. They do like color, though, as you well know. Perhaps, then, as has happened in the past, there will be two articles on the Cruise in the same issue. I will look forward to reading yours with great interest.

Thanking you for your interest and with kindest personal regards to an old shipmate, I am

Sincerely,


Arthur A. Agaton.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
United States National Museum,
Washington, D. C..

July 21, 1939

Commander C. A. Bailey
U.S.S. HOUSTON
c/o P.M.
San Pedro, California

Note address given in letter

Dear Commander Bailey:

That was certainly a nice letter you wrote me in appreciation of the pamphlet on the scientific results of the Presidential Cruise.

I am headed for the coast some time in September. If I can arrange it, I shall certainly go through Los Angeles and say, "How do you do" to you at Long Beach.

I would like to make that Alaskan cruise, too, but I understand it is to be a very quick one, though lately the papers have put forward the possibility that the President might return by way of the Panama Canal. This is an anniversary year for the Zone and so he no doubt will be sorely tempted. But from the looks of the political situation, he will have to stick pretty close to Washington. Next year will be a lively one.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

WLS:LMc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.



U. S. S. HOUSTON

Everett, Wash.
July 2, 1939.

Dear Doctor: —

The papers and photo-
lets on the Presidential cruise which
have been mailed to me have been
received, and I want to thank you
for them. I have found them very
interesting, and I will want to keep
them as reminders of that cruise, which
was a fine one, and one I'll long remem-
ber for its associations.

I expect to be relieved on here in a
week or so, and go to duty with the
Pacific Coast Section of the Board of
Inspection and Survey, with Headquarters
at Long Beach, Calif. I was sorry that
the Alaskan cruise was delayed, train-
ing, as I had hoped to make a third
Presidential cruise on this ship.
Many of the officers who were on here when
you were aboard have left, but a few like
Kelly and Tarbutton are left.

All of us, were agreed on one point,
that you are a fine shipmate, so much
so, that we were all genuinely sorry

To hope you leave the ship.

My very best wishes to you and
your work.

Sincerely yours,

Bailey

June 27, 1939

Commander C. A. Bailey, U.S.N.
U.S.S. HOUSTON
Bremerton, Washington

Dear Commander Bailey:

Your name is on our mailing list for the various papers resulting from the Presidential Cruise. The enclosed one falls within another series, but I know you will be interested, because it has additional pictures of the expedition.

It was a grand cruise, one of the best that I have ever taken part in, and I, for one, am downright sorry that the President can't find time to make another long one of the same kind and perhaps over the same ground. Though Clipperton wasn't so much from a fisherman's point of view, it is the one place I want to get back to for several days' stay.

Since your Alaskan cruise has been postponed so long, I wish that you might have stayed longer in New York. I didn't get back from South America in time to visit you while the ship was in New York.

My very best to you and yours and our mutual friends aboard.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

WLS:LMc

January 5, 1939

Commander C. A. Bailey, U.S.N.
U.S.S. HOUSTON
c/o Postmaster
Balboa, Canal Zone

Dear Commander Bailey:

I am rather ashamed of myself that I haven't acknowledged the cruise books sooner. I thought that I had, pending getting a money order with which to reimburse the Ships Service for them. Won't you kindly pass the enclosed order for \$3.00 on to the proper party? I was awfully glad to get them.

I had been hoping for another cruise with you folks and one actually had been talked about which would have taken in the north coast of South America. However, many other things have intervened, chiefly the maneuvers in which you will participate in the Atlantic this February. Undoubtedly some fishing will be done before or after the fleet review, but it is to be of a relatively minor character and would have offered very little opportunity for collecting of the kind that we carried on this past July and August. There is some remote hope that 1940 may give us another chance to be together again, but I am afraid that is all hope on my part.

I am sorry our paths may not cross until next May, when I am coming up to New York to call on you and the rest of our mutual friends aboard the Houston. During the month of April I shall be cavorting around along the north coast of South America to see what I can pick up in the way of specimens in that stretch of the Atlantic between Cristobal and Trinidad.

My best to you and yours. May we all meet very soon again!
Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

WLS:LMc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

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Date

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DR SCHMITT

Name (Printed)

6 Cruise Books
@ \$1.50

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November 12, 1938

Commander C. A. Bailey, U.S.N.
U.S.S. HOUSTON
Long Beach, California

Dear Commander Bailey:

I am sorry that I cannot give a set of prints to all of my friends aboard. With this I send you several duplicates of miscellaneous views that may be of some interest to you, Captain Barker, and Lt.-Comdr. Kelley. You will see that each particular picture is in triplicate, one for each of you.

If I were to tell you again how much I enjoyed the cruise and how much the Museum got out of all the material collected, I would be writing you a book. The scientific reports on the various specimens are moving along apace and a narrative is soon to follow. I have to have something ready for the Smithsonian report by early in December, and some time during that month or January we hope to get some of the manuscripts printed. All of them will be very brief papers, because the quantity of material collected was not great.

It is too bad that the log book couldn't be taken care of on board the HOUSTON. A somewhat more modest effort is being prepared by Commander Callaghan, which is to be reproduced by the offset process. It is planned that my list of fishes will form an appendix to it. I hope that they go through with that idea.

I have heard nothing much about the next cruise, but gather that it won't happen before the turn of the year, and perhaps not so soon after that, either. I take it that your orders still hold for an appearance at the New York Exposition. I am looking forward to a little visit to the ship at that time.

My very best regards to you, the Captain, Lt.-Comdr. Kelley, and the rest of our mutual friends aboard.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

WLS:LMC

December 1, 1938

Commander C. A. Bailey, U.S.N.
U.S.S. Houston
Long Beach, California

Dear Commander Bailey:

Thank you for your good letter of the 23rd. Any letter from you or carrying the Houston letterhead reminds me of a grand expedition.

Since getting your letter apprising me that the log books had been printed, I got two copies from the Naval Aide's office. The publication staff and the ship's printing office are to be congratulated no end. It is certainly a fine and enjoyable account of the cruise, and something that one will want to treasure through all the years to come. The two copies that I secured are destined one each for my two children, along with some other mementoes that I plan to leave them one of these days. Meanwhile, I would like to get a few more. Are there any still obtainable on the ship? I would love to have a so-called personal working copy on my desk at the office and at least two others, one for the Director of the Museum and another for my mother. A half dozen would not be too many. I would be only too glad to pay whatever the cost might be, including transportation charges here. I hope I do not approach you too late about the matter.

When I see your cruise book, I wish that Captain Callaghan might have had time enough to send his log to you for printing, as well. It looks nice, but your print shop job is the superior one in appearance.

I would that I might look forward to another cruise with you. All I can say is that I am hoping for all I am worth!

My very best to you and yours.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

WLS:Lmc

U. S. S. HOUSTON

Long Beach, California,
23 November, 1938.

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates,
United States National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

I received your letter of the 12th of November, including a set of prints for the Captain, Kelly and myself. We thank you very much for them.

I am pleased that the cruise was so enjoyed by you and of scientific value as well.

I offered to print the log book for Captain Callaghan on board, and so informed him. I also sent him a set of pictures, taken by Thompson, from which to choose pictures for his log, and sent him other pictures at other times. In addition I sent him fifty of the Ship's Cruise Books, to be distributed by him as he saw fit.

It won't be long now before the ship will be south again on a long cruise away from the West Coast. I hope we will see you at some time during the cruise. I haven't seen an itinerary of the cruise, so don't know where we will be at different times.

My very best regards to you and thanks again for the pictures. I hope we'll be shipmates again.

Sincerely,

C. A. Bailey
C.A. BAILEY.

Long Beach, California,
23 November, 1938.

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates,
United States National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

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C.A. BAILEY.

Long Beach, California,
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Division of Marine Invertebrates,
United States National Museum,
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C.A. BAILEY.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 13, 1938

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Mr. E. W. Bailey, Acting Chief
Division of Scientific Inquiry
U. S. Bureau of Fisheries
Washington, D. C.

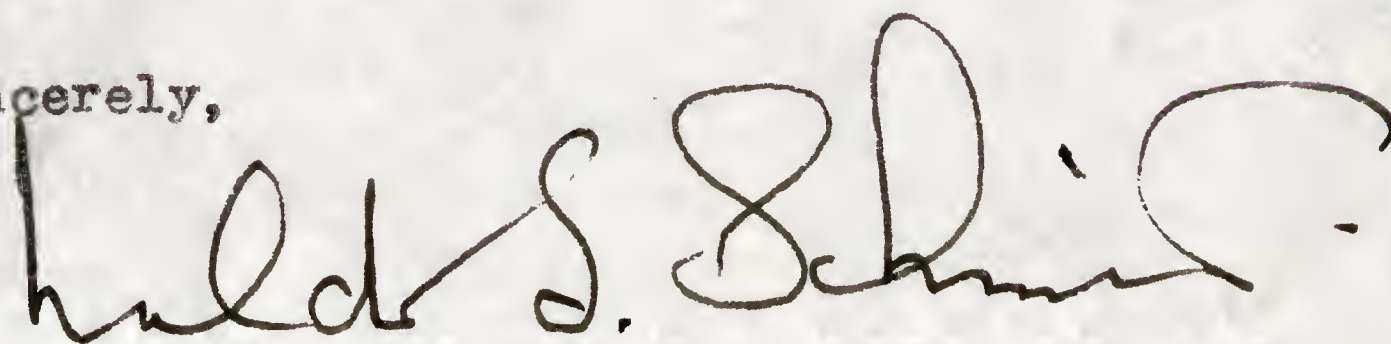
Dear Mr. Bailey:

I can't begin to thank you folks for the titration report on that sample of sea water. The high chloride value is probably to be expected, as the specimen was taken from an enclosed lagoon where the Galapagos flamingoes congregate. Because of evaporation, the water must be rather more salt than the sea water on the outer beach.

May I trouble you further for another bit of information? Where would you go to get these chain mesh bags such as they use on oyster dredges? Hancock is interested in acquiring ~~them~~^{some} and I want to put him in touch with the right man.

Again my best thanks to you.

Sincerely,



Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

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Capt. J. H. Ch.
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Baltimore

U.S.S. HOUSTON

Longford, New Islands
Calif.
12 Sept. 1958.

My dear Mr. Schmitt: -

I received your letter after arrival in the Longford last week. Our surprise visit to Norfolk did not last very long. We join the fleet in San Pedro this Wednesday.

Regarding the sailfish, there is none left on board. In fact, I don't believe there was any after leaving Norfolk. We had to throw some of the fish away due to worms getting into them. Had we known when we left Pensacola that you wanted a sailfish, we could easily have let you have one.

I am glad all your trip was as good as in Washington in regard to conclusion.

We all send you our best regards, and think often of you. Maybe you'll be present next winter when the President again goes with us.

With very best regards and hope to see you again.

Sincerely,
C. A. Bailey

25
November 9, 1944

Joe Balicki, B.M. 1/c
Receiving Unit - A.T.B.
Little Creek, Virginia
212-42-37

Dear Joe:

I am certainly glad to hear from you and to know that you are in this part of the world. Let me know when you can come to town and I'll come down to meet you. I am at the office Saturday until 5:15 and will be only too glad to come down any Sunday that you say. I would love to put you up at home, but I am afraid it won't work just now. My son was reported missing on October 4 and my wife is in no shape to have any one occupy his room, which happens to be her only spare one at this time. Don't let this keep you from coming. The Museum is open Sundays and I can come down, have a talk with you, show you the building, and we can have dinner somewhere in town.

Do you remember "Race Horse" Kelly? He is now a Captain and just passed through Washington a few days ago, I judge on his way to the Pacific. Bartos is over that way somewhere in command of an LST. We exchange occasional letters, but I have not heard from him in some time. He still picks up specimens where he can and has sent us some very interesting shrimps and crabs from down New Guinea way.

My best to you.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt,
Head Curator,
Department of Biology.

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UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET
AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING BASE
Little Creek, Virginia

Nov. 6 - 1944

Dear Dr. Schmitt

I am at the present time
attached to the amphibious training Base here at
Little Creek Virginia.

It sure has been a long time since I have been with
you, during the Presidential cruise of 1938 on the
good ship U.S.S. Houston.

Due to the fact that Little Creek Va. is not too
far from Washington D.C. and that I am able to get
off my duties week ends, I would like to meet you
and perhaps visit the Museum.

I am hoping that you still remember who I am and
would appreciate very much hearing from you in the
very near future

Your good shipmate

Joe Balicki B.M./c

My adress

JOE BALICKI B.M./c
RECEIVING UNIT - A.T.B.
LITTLE CREEK VA.
212-42-37

Joe Balicki

1st Div. ~~Long Beach Calif~~
U.S.S. Houston 1st division
at sea

U.S.S. HOUSTON

Dear Mr. Schmitt

Nov. 16th - 38

Received your snapshots
& you can't imagine how much I appreciate your giving them to me & if there is anything that I can do for you in return I please mention it & I'm sure it will be done.

Right now Mr. we are out to sea & to morrow we shall fire long range Battle practice, please excuse the pencil & the careless writing as I am on watch & the ship sure is rolling & pitching... The latest rumors are that we again take the president on a cruise to South America & points that way, was also wondering why you couldn't make this cruise Mr.?? I have only 11 months to do in the navy Mr. & hope when I get paid off to be able to make a scientific cruise with you or before if possible is there any chance Mr. ??? I have given Barron, Oniel, & some of the other boys your best regards & they also send you there best —

Am 100% satisfied with each & every
thing that you have done for me Dr.
& I was wondering if it would be
asking too much of you if you sent
me a photograph (any size or make)
of yourself with your autograph ????

Of course I fully realize that you
must be a real busy person at the
institute with all your specimens, but
would like to hear a little of the re-
sults if possible must sign off
dr. & hope to hear from you soon

Sincerely
JOE Balicki

November 8, 1938

Mr. Joe Balicki, 1st Div.
U.S.S. Houston
Long Beach, California

Dear Balicki:

Things do grind slowly here, but sooner or later we are able to deliver the goods. Here are the prints that you wanted of that picture of yourself standing by the base of the palm tree. I enjoy looking at that picture, too. It reminds me of a somewhat strenuous, but very enjoyable and successful trip. Not all of the little seedlings survived, but two are doing very well. I am only too glad to be able to give you the pictures.

My best to you and the rest of the outfit.

Sincerely,

WLS:LMc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

October 8, 1938

Mr. Joe Balicki,
1st Div. U. S. S. Houston,
Long Beach, California.

Dear Balicki:

I answer your letter right away so that you know it landed. I will get after those prints of that No. 61 photograph without delay, but we usually have to wait for some time on our museum photographer who is short-handed and has much work to do.

I will get the prints to you as soon as I can. There will be no charge attached to them. It is a small return for all the help you gave me on the cruise. We had a grand time, didn't we? If I get another chance at another trip of the same kind, we'll pick up another palm or two. The one that we got on Cocos has attracted a lot of attention at the Department of Agriculture, and they are very keen to get another specimen of palms from other out of the way islands.

I'll be writing you soon again. My best to you and the "rest of the gang."

Sincerely yours,

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator
Division of Marine Invertebrates

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Sept 27th - 38
1ST DIV.

Long Beach
Calif

Dear Mr. Schmitt

only a few lines to
let you know that I appreciate very
much your sending me a few snap-
shots of the cruise & also remember-
ing us. I sure miss your absence
from the ship & only wish very
much that you could be with us
again in the future & I am sure
that it is possible. Being with
you left me with wonderful mem-
ories of beautiful islands & very
interesting specimens. Your office
Mr. is now occupied by the flag
or commander in chief of the U.S.
fleet ... but am sure it looked
better with your specimens in it.

Mr. if it is possible I would very much like to have about 2 or 3 snapshots of no. 61 the picture with me in it near that palm tree or the negative whatever is more convenient for you.. also tell me the cost & will return the price in stamps in my next letter

Sincerely

JOE BALICKI

1ST DIV.

U.S.S. HOUSTON

LONG BEACH

CALIF.

Hoping to hear from you soon
Mr.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
NAVAL R. O. T. C. UNIT
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF
NAVAL SCIENCE AND TACTICS

GNB/jfs

11 July, 1939.

My dear Doctor Schmitt:-

Many thanks for your Explorations Pamphlet
and for the other pamphlets concerning the cruise,
which you have so kindly forwarded.

We all enjoyed very much having you with us,
and I am particularly glad that you were able to ob-
tain so much valuable information.

In case you are in this vicinity, I hope you
will drop in to see me.

With all good wishes.

Very sincerely,



G. N. Barker,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
Professor of Naval Science and Tactics.

June 27, 1939

Captain G. N. Barker, U.S.N.
Professor of Naval Science and Tactics
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Captain Barker:

In order that your file of the papers published on the Presidential Cruise may be complete, I take pleasure in sending you this number of our Explorations Pamphlet. I shall always be grateful to you for the wonderful trip I had on the HOUSTON.

My very best good wishes to you and yours.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt,
Curator of Marine Invertebrates.

WLS:IMc

U. S. S. HOUSTON

San Pedro, California,
December 15, 1938.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt
Smithsonian Institute
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Schmitt,

Your very kind letter written shortly after your return to Washington was received in due course. The set of prints which you forwarded to me through Commander Bailey have also been received.

We were all delighted to have had you with us on the cruise and that you were able to get the material and information which you desired. In case the ship should visit New York I hope that you will come out to see me.

Very sincerely,


G. N. BARKER.

August 20, 1938

Captain G. N. Barker, U.S.N.
U.S.S. Houston
Navy Yard
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Captain:

I arrived home safely with my plunder. The President called me up shortly after I got to the Museum to inquire as to the fate of the collection, and I was able to assure him that everything was in good shape. The frozen fish proved to be one of the best collections of its kind that has ever come to Washington. When thawed out, the specimens were as fresh as though they had been recently taken from the water.

I can't begin to thank you and your staff and personnel of the Houston enough for all that they did for me. I had a grand time, and scientifically a most profitable one. I have asked our Director to convey his appreciation of the assistance that the Navy rendered me as a representative of the Smithsonian to the Secretary of the Navy. It was a grand cruise and I hope that I may have the opportunity and pleasure of going with you again.

My very best good wishes to you and yours.

Sincerely,

WLS:IMc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

June 27, 1939

Mr. J. T. Barron, Sealc
U.S.S. HOUSTON
Bremerton, Washington

Dear Jack:

With this note is a copy of the Smithsonian Explorations Pamphlet carrying a few words about each of the several expeditions in which members of the staff participated. Our trip is the first one. Although it is mentioned in the first of the series of papers which are being sent you from the publications office, you may be interested in the additional remarks and pictures in this article. The acknowledgments and thanks are all with the paper on the shrimps and crabs we collected.

Among the birds that I brought back was a young pelican which I failed to label. Have you any idea where it might have been taken--in the Galapagos or Cocos, or even Old Providence? I don't recall that we got any birds at the latter place. You might ask O'Neill, Balicki, Blain, or any of the others that helped us collect. Don't go to a lot of trouble. If we don't get a locality for this specimen, we shall put it in among the duplicates.

Please remember me kindly to our mutual friends aboard. That HOUSTON expedition was one of the most enjoyable I have ever been on, and quite naturally I hope there may be another one one of these days.

My very best to you,

Sincerely,

WLS:LMc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

P.S. For your convenience, I have put in a franked envelope, which will need no postage.

22 Sept. 1938

Dear doctor,

Having just returned to the ship from leave I received the very nice pen and also the pictures. I really can't express my feelings to you doctor so will say thank you very, very much. I shall always remember the very interesting trips I had the pleasure of making with you and hope we may do the same again soon.

I think the pictures turned out very nice and will see that Balicki and O'neil get what pictures they are in.

After leaving Pensacola we were sent to Norfolk intending to stay east until the fleet maneuvers in Jan. I was going to drop in to pay you a visit but orders came in sending us back here to Long Beach.

May get a chance after the first of the year to visit you and look over some of the species that I had the privilege of helping you with.

Sorry that I hadn't received your gift before going on leave then you wouldn't have to wait so long for a line from me. Hope you didn't think I didn't appreciate your kindness doctor because it really means a great deal to me.

Thank you again doctor and will write you again soon. Hope this finds you in the best of health and that you haven't had to work too hard since your return from the cruise.

Yours truly
Jack Barron

September 15, 1938

Mr. Jack Barron
U.S.S. HOUSTON
Long Beach, California

Dear Jack:

I trust that the pen reached you safely.

This is my first chance to send you a few photographs. The little square ones are from negatives that I bought from Tommy Thompson. He also took the larger one for me, too. On the back of a couple I have written Balicki's name, probably misspelled. They ought to go to him. Please give to O'Neill those that carry his picture. If you want additional copies of any of them, please let me know. Either send the picture back or give me the number on the reverse.

Sincerely,

WLS:LMC

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

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Jack Barron
Long Beach

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November 12, 1938

Commander D. J. Callaghan, U.S.N.
Room 2049, Navy Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Commander Callaghan:

Here are the few prints that I promised you the other day. You are very welcome to them. I am sorry that the minor defects of the small originals show up so prominently in these enlargements, but there is no easy way of getting around them.

I do not know when I had a more enjoyable evening than that Monday night.

My very best to you and yours.

Sincerely,

WLS:LMc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

September 26, 1938

Dear Commander Callaghan:

As is often done in the printing of scientific notes and papers such as my annotated list of fishes of the Cruise, I would like to get about 100 separates or reprints of the list alone, for cost of paper and printing.

Could this be arranged? It should not cost much as the type will have already been set up for your log, and these few forms carrying the type of the list could readily be printed off separately.

I hope this can be done for me, as I would like to distribute copies of the fish list to a number of zoologists.

Sincerely,

Commander D. J. Callaghan, U. S. N.,
Naval Aide to the President,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 8, 1938.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
Curator, Division of Marine Invertebrates,
National Museum:

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

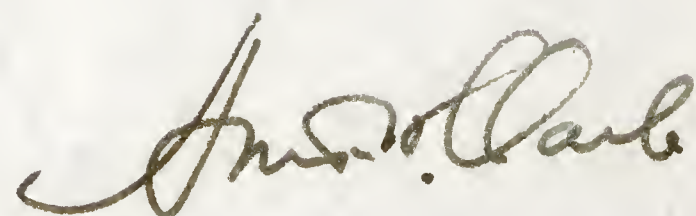
Will you be so kind as to ascertain whether the President would be willing to permit me to name for him one of the remarkable new echinoderms collected by yourself while on the Houston.

I do not feel myself at liberty to do this without his express permission.

Abundant precedent for this course is found in the numerous animals named for President Theodore Roosevelt and, earlier, for President Thomas Jefferson.

The report on the echinoderms, including descriptions of three new species, will be ready in two or three days. I am sending a few specimens to my colleague Dr. Hubert Lyman Clark of the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard for comparison with others in that institution. When these are returned they will be photographed, and the manuscript will then be submitted for publication.

Sincerely yours,



Austin H. Clark,
Curator, Division of Echinoderms

September 19, 1938

Mr. Joseph G. Comer,
U.S.S. Houston,
San Pedro, California.

Dear Mr. Comer:

What you say about the bird that hatched in your clothes locker is most interesting. Somewhat of a record occurrence of its kind. It would be a nice thing if you could raise it to maturity, but it will be a long hard row to hoe.

What you are feeding the bird seems to be the right thing here at the local zoo. They feed their Boobies small fish or small pieces of fish. The latter must be free of bones.

The cold that your bird has is another matter. There is always the danger in birds of this sort that Pneumonia may develop. Our keeper of the live birds has had no experience with this affliction in Boobies--that is undoubtedly what your bird is--but he suggests you rub the neck and breast of the bird with an ointment that is sold in Drug Stores under the name of Ben Guey. You are to rub a little of this on at night, but be careful not to use too much, for it will burn the skin of the bird. In other words, use it sparingly, and with care. In the morning wash it off with warm water. Your bird undoubtedly has gotten in a draft, perhaps with an electric fan blowing on him the whole time.

It is doubtful whether you can do much to help it, but I hope that you can. Should it die, it will not be worth saving as a museum specimen, because they are quite common birds. Let us hope that things won't come to this pass.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Curator of Marine Invertebrates

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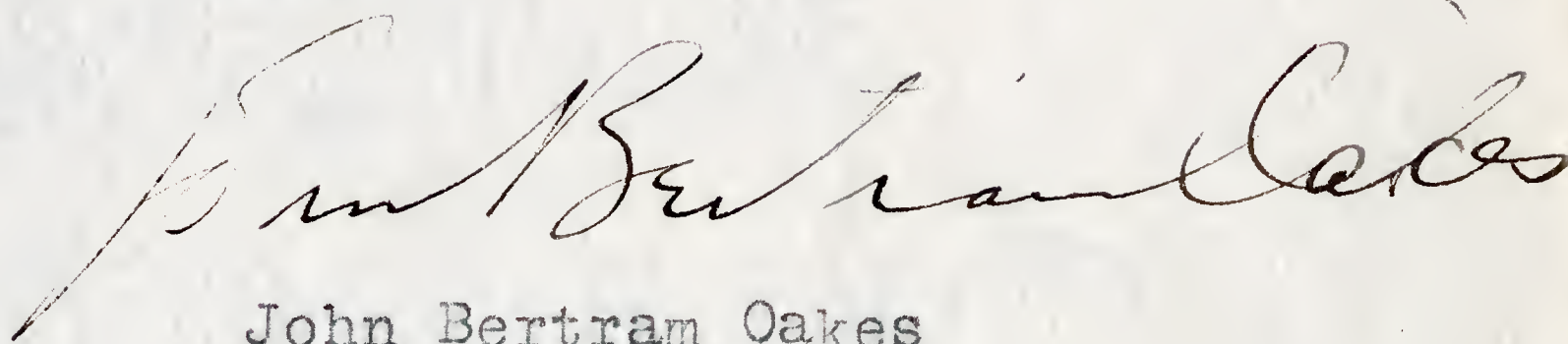
September 20, 1938

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

Thank you very much indeed
for letting me have the enclosed. I sincerely
appreciate your cooperation.

With best wishes, I am

yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Bertram Oakes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John Bertram Oakes

Dr. Waldo Schmitt
National Museum
Washington

U.S.S. Houston
San Pedro, Cal.
Sept. 14, 1938.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt

Dear Sir:-

Here is a bit
of Chronological information
accompanied by a question
which is of great import-
ance to you. "Now getting
back to the info. I got
an egg from Cos Island
during one of your trips
over. I put the egg in
my clothes locker and
much to my surprise
about three weeks later
it hatched out, while we
were at Norfolk, Va. Now
I have a three weeks
old bird on my hands.
I have brought him along
so far on the yolk of hatched
egg and raw fish cut in
small bits. Have I fed him
properly? Now he seems
to have contracted a cold

(2)

his respiratory organs don't
function as they should at
times and he has a very
hard time breathing. Oh! yes,
he is one of those large
blue looking birds which
seemed to be quite numerous
around Coos Bay. He has webbed
feet.

My information you
might send me would
be greatly appreciated

Sincerely

Joseph G. Loomer
U. S. L. Houston
San Pedro, Cal.

Ben Gré

November 1, 1938

Mr. H. G. Crim
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Crim:

Please let bearer have Kodachrome projector and the two
yellow groupers that I left at the White House last evening.

Very truly yours,

WLS:LMc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

July 31, 1939

Mr. Stephen Early
Secretary to the President
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Steve:

Here is the rainbow runner that we promised to make for you in place of two fish that you turned over to us for scientific specimens. It had to be made up from a preserved specimen, and so it is a cast and not the original mounted skin. I am sorry it has been so long in getting to you, but the taxidermist who does this kind of work for us has been ill and so could not give it full time.

We had a lot of fun getting it painted and hope that the fish looks like the one you caught. Bartos thinks it ought to be a bit different but, after all, you are the man to say if any changes should be made. Tell me what you think of it.

I see by the papers that the President got himself a couple of marlin. I see, too, that Pa Watson is the fair-haired fishing boy again. He seems to connect every time!

This is just a personal word to accompany Dr. Wetmore's letter transmitting the cast.

As always, my very best to you.

Sincerely,

WLS:LMc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

November 2, 1938

Mr. Stephen T. Early
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Steve:

Here are two tags that I hope will serve the purpose. They are the best I could do on short notice. The thing that bothers me most about them is the relative size of the label as compared to the plaque and the relative size of the lettering.

Oak is a pretty hard wood, so before fastening the labels to the plaques, a gimlet or fine drill should be used.

My best to you and the President.

Sincerely,

WLS:LMc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

February 11, 1939

Lt. P. Foley, Jr.
U.S.S. HOUSTON
c/o Postmaster
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Foley:

With this I have you two sets of the pictures I took from the airplane the day that Mr. Dugan was kind enough to take me over James and the north end of Albemarle Island. I had best luck with the color pictures, but some of them were poor in color because of under-exposure. The experience was very much worth while, or at least it will be, if I ever get another chance to go aloft with you folks. A poor color film will always yield a good black and white print. With the 3-1/4 x 4-1/4 black and whites I had very poor success, as you can see. They are hardly worth labelling. All of them were taken up near the northern end of Albemarle.

The 5x7 prints are numbered to correspond with the enclosed list. I have given Captain Callaghan and Captain Bryan, the Hydrographer, each a set. I understand that things like this can't be made public, but you are welcome to them and further prints of any of them if you will but send me the number.

I hope you all will have another of those grand trips with the President and that he will have as successful a one as the last time. That I wish that it might be a longer cruise and that I might be along goes without saying.

My best to you all and our mutual friends aboard. Don't forget Dugan, who so kindly gave me the lift.

Sincerely,

WLS:LMc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

1. Flying between James Id. and Albemarle. I cannot identify small island in distance. July 30, 1938.
2. Shore line, part of Cartago Bay, Albemarle Id. July 30, 1938.
3. Shore line east side Albemarle, between Cartago Bay and north end. July 30, 1938.
4. Shore line east side near northern part Albemarle (sheet of red or terra cotta colored lava). July 30, 1938.
5. (A) Large crater, north end Albemarle Id., Galapagos. July 30, 1938. See print (B).
6. (B) Large crater, north end Albemarle Id., Galapagos. July 30, 1938. See print (A).
7. Tagus cove, looking west across channel to Narborough, Galapagos. July 30, 1938.
8. Tagus cove, looking west across channel to Narborough, Galapagos. July 30, 1938.
- 9 & 10. Crater lake (containing 2 little islands) south of Tagus Cove, July 30, 1938. Visited by Darwin, 1835; see "Beagle" narrative. ? White > mark, salt deposit on shore?
11. Crater near east point of James Island. July 30, 1938. These are Craters X and Y (shown on prints 12 and 13), but I do not recall now which is which. I believe the larger crater in the center of the picture to be X, and the corner of the slope showing to the extreme right of the picture at the water line to be Y. The headland in the upper left corner of the photograph is the east side of James Bay, where the ship anchored. I wonder if the X crater is the "Sugar Loaf" named on H.O. Chart 1798.
12. I believe this is crater X on No. 11. July 30, 1938
13. I believe this is crater Y on No. 11. July 30, 1938.
14. Salt crater lake, James Id., Galapagos, visited by Darwin in 1835 and mentioned in his "Voyage of the Beagle" narrative. July 30, 1938. This crater is hidden behind X crater of No. 11.
15. Bartholomew Id., Sullivan Bay, James Id. July 30, 1938.

August 29, 1938

Lieut. H. K. Gates
U.S.S. Houston
Long Beach, California

Dear Mr. Gates:

In my letter of the other day I intended to enclose 38 cents in stamps to cover the express charges on that snake. Do not hesitate to accept them, as it is a strictly official matter. I have collected these stamps from the Museum authorities. It was an oversight that they were not included in my other letter.

Thanks again for the time, trouble, and the snake.

Sincerely,

WLS:LMC

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

August 26, 1938

Lieut. H. K. Gates
U.S.S. Houston
Long Beach, California

Dear Mr. Gates:

The joke's on me all right! When and where did you find the snake? I take it the day before it reached here and under one of the desks in the flag office. Did it create any excitement when discovered? Well, we live to learn, and you are a better snake man than I am!

If I ever get another chance--and I sincerely hope that I will have the opportunity of travelling with you folks again--I am going to bring along a small game-getter and dust shot for picking up a lot of lizards and snakes. With your good eyes, perhaps you will let us make a reptile hunter out of you. Fortunately, one of the men got a single small lizard on Clipperton, for the first thing that my immediate boss asked me was, "Did you get any lizards on Clipperton?" It is too bad we didn't get a couple of dozen.

The snake was alive and kicking when it reached here, and I am as happy as the Zoo crowd to have it, for it makes three snakes from as many islands in the Galapagos, and that is quite a lot of rare snakes from those islands for any collection, living or dead.

My best to you.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

WLS:LMC

July 17, 1939

Mr. Robert Hoag, Sealc, U.S.N.
U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS
Mare Island, California

Dear Hoag:

I am glad the pictures and the books got safely into your hands. It is good to hear from you, for it reminds me of those very pleasant times that we had together.

The Byrd trip is getting under way, but I have not yet heard where the Smithsonian will stand with regard to it. I shall certainly be glad to recommend you if there is an opportunity for us to put some people into that expedition.

It looks as though both of us are going to miss the chance to go to Alaska. The President has intended going ever since the middle of June, but Congress seems to make it impossible.

I may be out your way in September, but by that time goodness knows where the NEW ORLEANS may be. If you are handy, I shall certainly look you up.

Sincerely,

WLS:LMc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

July 8, 1939.

U.S.S. New -
Orleans

Marine Island
California

Dear Dr. Schmitt

I was very glad to receive those -
pamphlets about the cruise from you.
I tried to read them all but most of
them I did not understand. I read
about those times when you mention
ed about dipping on the gangway at
eleven o'clock at night all I had to -
was close my eyes and think for
a few minutes and I was back there
again. The day we went after the picture
of the albatross that was a real day -
I hear that Rear Admiral Byrd is
trying to get an expedition to the
South Pole again, I was thinking it
would be very nice to go with it, I
might see sometime in the coming -
year, my enlistment expires in -
November so I am quitting the navy.
I most certainly wish to thank you
for the 7 mm C and, the photos and
the pamphlets which some shall be in
my library
"a friend"

Robert H. Ray

U.S.S. New Orleans

Marine Island Calif.

Do. you think there
would be a chance
of myself going
on that expedition
with Byrd,

Har

June 27, 1939

Mr. R. Hoag, Sealc
U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS
Mare Island Navy Yard
Mare Island, California

Dear Hoag:

Here is another little leaflet about the cruise, not a part of the series that I asked the publications office to send you.

I hope you don't think that I have forgotten you, because I shall always be very grateful to you for all the help you gave me in collecting, especially working on the gangway those long, late hours at night. There is nothing I would rather have than another cruise like that one to Clipperton and the Galapagos, with you along to help me. Don't fail to look me up if you ever come to Washington.

My very best good wishes to you, lots of good luck.

Sincerely,

WLS:LMc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

Presd. File

October 24, 1938

Mr. Jeremiah Hunter
Explorers Club
10 W. 72nd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Hunter:

This is just a confidential, personal note on the subject that I discussed with you the other evening.

I do hope that it may be possible for the Club to consider making the President an honorary member of our organization in some way. I know you would be surprised to learn of his intimate knowledge of exploring and scientific research afield.

It is a little early to talk about the results of this last Presidential Cruise on which I had the honor to serve as biologist, but we have gotten together a really outstanding collection, although small in numbers of specimens collected. There are a number of new shells, four new species of echinoderms, new plants, I think an undescribed variety or subspecies of bird, some new crustaceans, and a host of the larger game fishes which are so rare in Museum collections. Among the fishes, too, two new species were found. Reports on all of these will be published just as soon as the manuscripts are completed, and before Christmas we hope to have some of them in print.

These results are all due to the President's personal and wholehearted interest in the collecting of scientific specimens for Museum and study purposes. I do think that some such honor paid to the White House would be all to the credit of the Club and would perhaps set a precedent that would further encourage the present executive and those that will follow him to do likewise by science and exploration.

It may be that you and your fellow directors may want to reserve giving an opinion on this suggestion until some of the reports on the cruise appear in print. In any case, I do want you to give the matter most serious consideration. Certainly the Club has everything to gain and nothing to lose by conferring some honor on the man in question.

My very best to you.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

WLS:LMc

November 12, 1938

Ensign B. Johnson, U.S.N.
U.S.S. HOUSTON
Long Beach, California

Dear Mr. Johnson:

You will recall our hunt for the new species of palm on Cocos. The two group pictures that Thompson snapped of you when you were there together on the beach have made rather nice photographs, even though taken from those tiny Kodachromes. Won't you give a copy each to Jakeman and the officer with the palm leaf. Was that Buas? I know him very well, but cannot with certainty put a name on his picture. Jakeman gets one and you and Buas [?] two each.

I have nothing but the most pleasant recollections of the cruise. I would certainly like to be able to look forward to another with the President and your outfit.

Sincerely,

WLS:Lmc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

September 15, 1938

Ensign B. Johnson, U.S.N.
U.S.S. HOUSTON
Long Beach, California

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Here are a couple of prints from negatives that I bought from Thompson which he was kind enough to take for me on that trip up the mountain for the Cocos Island palm. They will at least remind you of that rather strenuous journey. If I can get suitable black and white copies from some of my Kodachrome pictures, I shall be able to send you a group picture of the exploring party taken on the beach at Wafer Bay.

If you ever get a chance to come to Washington, don't fail to look me up. That palm was a great find and the Agriculture folks are busily working up a report on it.

Sincerely,

WLS:LMc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

February 21, 1939

Ensign J. P. M. Johnston
c/o Captain R. M. Johnston
1316 West Princess Anne Road
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Johnston:

I can't begin to thank you for the loan of that color film. There is nothing like color in motion pictures, and my only regret is that there wasn't more of it. What you did have certainly high-lighted my still pictures, but I was not able to use the film at the lecture that I told you about. I had a little private showing apart from that and, as you might well know, your movie went over big. I didn't feel like cutting it, because one always loses something with every splice.

Thanks again for your kindness. Don't hesitate to call at the Museum whenever you come to town.

My very best to you and yours.

Sincerely,

WLS:LMc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

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U. S. S. HOUSTON

12 February 1939

Dear Dr. Schmitt

Before leaving Norfolk I mailed you the color movie films, Negatives of Clipperton, negatives of Lower Island and the negatives of the prints you asked for. Do what you wish with them. I am more than glad to be able to help. I sincerely hope you can show the color film through once before showing it at the lecture. The party got rough in one place and a man was struck and the movie shows it. If those other prints arrived in time for the Explorations Pamphlet and happened to be used I would like much to have a copy of the pamphlet. I would like to have the pamphlet whether my pictures are used or not. If

there is any cost let me know for I don't wish to impose.

About returning those color films just address them to ~~USS Houston~~. Better yet don't send them to me. Send them to my home at this address and as follows

Ensign JRM Johnston
% Capt R.H. Johnston
1316 West Princess Anne Road
Norfolk, Virginia

"To be held"

That will prevent the film from going through the mails too much in following the ship.

Mail me a letter when you receive the films % Postmaster, New York, N.Y. so I will know they are with you.

I hope the films are as tasteful a dessert as you expect.

Sincerely
John R.M. Johnston

February 13, 1939

Ensign J. P. M. Johnson, U.S.N.
U.S.S. HOUSTON
c/o Postmaster
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Johnson:

I can't begin to thank you for remembering to send me the film that I was anxious to be able to show next Thursday evening. It has arrived safely and I am hoping to have a little private view of it before the lecture date. I shall try to have it back in your hands when the HOUSTON puts back into port with the President. I don't suppose you will be wanting it during the maneuvers. If so, and if it is possible for me to get it back to you, don't hesitate to radio at my expense.

Sincerely,

WLS:LMc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

December 27, 1938

Ensign J. P. M. Johnston, U.S.N.
U.S.S. HOUSTON
Long Beach, California

Dear J.P.M.:

You will recall my desire to borrow from you the Clipperton negatives showing the atoll as you took it from the foretop. I'd like to have those two negatives at your earliest convenience, because we would like to combine them to make a larger photograph that can be used in our annual Explorations Pamphlet. This appears some time in April.

I should also like to borrow the two negatives that you have showing Darwin Bay at Tower Island. Combined, they ought to make a very striking picture. There is nothing like trying it. Did you perhaps take a third negative which would give us Tower Island complete from one side to the other?

Over and beyond these that I have just mentioned, I would like to borrow five other negatives of you. I am sending you the prints that you let me have so that you can see what I want. I do not know whether we should trust air mail or not. In any case, the enclosed registered frank would do.

Do you think it would be possible for me to borrow your color movies for the night of the 16th of February? If you could spare them for that date, they would not be out of your hands much over eight or ten days. Sending them to me on the 10th by special delivery parcel post, properly insured, should get them here in ample time. If I return them to you promptly the next day, they ought to be in your hands four or five days later. If it doesn't fit in with your plans, don't hesitate to say so. I have to give a lecture on the trip that night and I thought your films would be a wonderful dessert for the evening. If you do send them, please be careful to insure them for "plenty". I'll refund you all the charges.

I am sorry your visit in Washington was so curtailed. I shall be looking forward to seeing you when the Houston gets around to New York again. My best to you for a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

WLS:LMc

December 20, 1938

Ensign J. P. M. Johnston, U.S.N.
U.S.S. HOUSTON
Long Beach, California

Dear J.P.M.:

I am certainly glad that you got those photographs. I had always planned to send you a few more and arrange an exchange, but, generous soul that you are, you have already attended to that. I am certainly glad to have that wonderful set of prints that you sent me.

Some time I would like to borrow your Clipperton Island negatives that you made from up in the fighting top in order to see if I can get an enlargement out of them. Yours are the only pictures that I have seen that give some idea of the great extent of that inner lagoon.

Who was the Johnston or Johnson in the picture taken on the beach at Cocos, the one in which Buass was holding the palm leaf? I am certainly mixed in my identifications to some degree, and will need another cruise to get straightened out! Here's hoping, but I do not expect it to happen this coming year.

I was glad to get your letter and am especially grateful for that wonderful lot of prints. You have also helped me orient myself part way, at least, among the Wardroom group.

All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

WLS:LMc



U. S. S. HOUSTON

20 November 1938

Dear Dr. Schmitt

I think that you have confused me with Mr. Billy Johnson for when he received your letter he turned them over to me saying that he hadn't gone on the party hunting for the palm tree. I, therefore, am taking the liberty of writing to you for I was with you when we landed and hiked up the stream bed thence up the hill where the man'o war birds were shot finally to the top where the palms were found. I am enclosing some of the pictures I took on that trip which I hope you will like. I took one of you while you weren't looking I hope it will not offend you. In addition I have enclosed all the pictures I took on the cruise from start to finish.

You and I were in the same position while taking movies of King Neptune's court. My films came out very nicely and if I get to Washington I would like much to show them to you if you would be interested.

I wish to thank you for the small snapshots that you sent in a previous letter. The pictures that I took that correspond to that group I ruined in developing. I forgot and left them in water a little too warm. They are really most excellent and make my sequence complete. The enlargements you have sent me will reach the people you wish them to. You are correct in believing that the officer with the palm leaf is Buaas. Unfortunately I am not in the picture but it will make a splendid addition to what I have.

I shall try to get you that picture or negative of Cowain's grave and send it to you. Thanks again for remembering me and sending me all the photographs.

Sincerely,

J.P.M. Johnston
J.P.M. Johnston
Ensign, U.S. Navy

May 27, 1941

Lt.-Cmdr. T. J. Kelly
U.S.S. BRAZOS
c/o The Postmaster
San Pedro, California

Dear Kelly:

You are just about the best friend a fellow ever had! I am flattered, complimented, and deeply grateful for your kind thought of me. There is nothing I would rather do than to get back up to Alaska. I have been there only twice in my life, but it is really fascinating country, and for Kodachrome picture-taking there is none better. I call it the land of gorgeous sunsets and beautiful rainbows. With commercial gear, one gets fish up there by the ton and, for your sake, I hope it pans out for rod and reel.

Just now the Museum is tied up with Latin American projects, and one of them just took me down to the Galapagos and back this past month. I had the great pleasure of going out on the MALLARD under Captain Picking, who was in command of the little squadron of submarines that made the trip. This trip, it seems, will lead to another shortly, which will tie me up, I am afraid, the balance of this year.

Hang it all, I would love to go with you! Accommodations wouldn't faze me, for on the MALLARD I slept on a cot in the pilot house. They were full up with a special survey party. Maybe one of these days we'll get together again. I sincerely hope so. You should have been with us in the Galapagos. There was some grand fishing, and I believe we got six or eight species that we did not get in '38. One of them was a big, two-and-a-half-foot goggle-eye, as it is called in Walford's book.

I trust all goes well with you and yours. The Schmitts are all in fine fettle and getting more war-minded every day. My young hopeful, who is up in the twenties now, is down at Fort Benning getting special training as a National Guard lieutenant. He is looking forward to a regular army job. He has applied for it, and if they

don't turn him down may easily make grade. Even though it is his
fond papa talking, he does make a cracking good officer, just the
kind of material they are looking for. He would have been West
Point but for a little difficulty with his left eye.

I suppose it is too much to hope that you may pass through
Washington for special orders before taking over your Alaska assign-
ment.

Sincerely,

WLS:LMO

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

U. S. S. BRAZOS TJK/fe

Passage Pearl Harbor, T.H.
To San Pedro, California,
May 4, 1941.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
Smithsonian Institute,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Waldo:-

At present I have command of the Brazos and shortly will leave for a trip to Alaska and Aleutian Islands. Of course while there I will do as much fishing as possible. If there is anything I can do for you or any specimens which you would like to have that I might be able to get, please let me know by return mail. On my return I could have the specimens shipped to you by express.

When Admiral Kimmel was selected to be the Commander in Chief, I could have gone along with him but would have been an assistant to an assistant which is not very much fun. When I told him that I would rather be excused, he very kindly offered me a command and so here I am enjoying my duty and very happy.

Fishing around the Hawaiian Islands is very poor. In the first place our ships do not operate in the good fishing areas and in the second place commercial fishermen have followed the very unsound policy of killing all the small fish and as a result there are no large fish in that area because there are no small ones to feed from.

I am now on my fourth year of sea duty and am passed due for shore duty. However, I am going to stay at sea just as long as possible, at least during this emergency, and I don't think it will end in less than five years. This war is going to complete exhaustion of one side or the other. Of course I personally think that we are in the war as much as if we had declared it.

I sincerely hope you and your family are all well and happy and that you are enjoying life and your work as much as you did in the past.

U. S. S. BRAZOS

TJK/fe

The thought has just occurred to me that you might like to come along on this trip. Accommodations are not good on board and you would have to sleep in a crew's bunk; however, you could mess with me and I would be happy to have you. If this interests you, you know how to go about fixing it up on that end. The Department will know my departure dates from San Pedro and Bremerton, Washington and the dates and places we will be in Alaska. I would be personally happy to have you.

Sincerely,

Tom.

TOM

September 26, 1939

Lt.-Comdr. T. J. Kelly
U.S.S. HOUSTON
c/o The Postmaster
New York City

Dear Kelly:

Thank you for the word about those binoculars. The Museum promised to get me a pair for my next trip, but I guess with the war on they are scarce as hen's teeth and as expensive as !

Doggone the war, anyway. There was some real hope of another collecting cruise in the spring of 1940. At least that was what the President had discussed with me and what I had been banking on, besides these shorter fishing trips, including the maneuvers to which I was not invited.

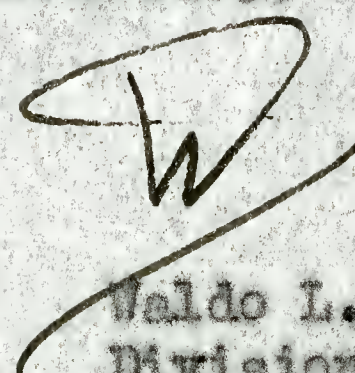
My congratulations on your step up. You are just the fellow for the hard work. I am glad of it for your sake.

Judging from the weather to which they have been subjected in Los Angeles of late, your eastern trip will be welcome. I know I shall be happy to see you once again, for I never shall forget that grand cruise we had together on the HOUSTON.

The war put the quietus on that National Geographic-Coast Guard expedition to the South Pacific, and so, from the looks of things, I'll be settled here for the rest of the winter. Captain Hancock, with whom I have been on a number of occasions, has been talking about the Gulf of California, but I am sure if there is anything to those submarine boat rumors he will stay home, too.

I am looking forward to seeing you when you come to town. My very best to you and yours.

Sincerely,



Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

WLS:LMO

U.S.S. HOUSTON

5 September, 1939

Dear Schmitt,

The glasses you used on the cruise were "Zeiss 7X50." Tarbutton returned from leave last week and gave me the information today.

Of course Presidential cruises are now over until the war has been fought to a finish. I hope we will be able to keep out but don't believe that will be possible.

On 4 October I am to be transferred to Admiral Kennel's Staff. He commands the Cruisers Battle Force. It is a responsible and important job and I am happy over being selected for the duty.

We may be coming to the east coast at any time. I will be sure to see you if such takes place.

Sincerely
Kelly

July 17, 1939

Lt. Comdr. T. J. Kelly, U.S.N.
U.S.S. HOUSTON
c/o The Postmaster
Seattle, Washington

Dear Kelly:

When I was aboard the HOUSTON I used the Chief Quarter Master's binocular on several occasions. It was a most wonderful glass, Zeiss, I believe. Can you give me the particulars about it? I want the Museum to order me a pair for my next trip, which is to take me to a lot of the South Pacific islands this next winter.

Don't hesitate to use the enclosed franked envelope, because my inquiry is strictly official business.

Sincerely,

WLS:LMc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

June 27, 1939

Lt.-Comdr. T. J. Kelly
U.S.S. HOUSTON
Bremerton, Washington

Dear Mr. Kelly:

I have not yet classified the specimens that you so kindly sent recently, and so took more or less for granted that they came from Bremerton, where you were stationed at the time of writing. Where did you pick them up? It always adds to the scientific value of a specimen to have more or less exact locality data. The worm is a rather tropical thing, and perhaps you got them down in the Zone. The enclosed addressed envelope will save you postage.

I wish to goodness you folks would make another trip down Cocos way, for then I might have a chance to go along. These short dashes for a few days' fishing don't seem to rate a naturalist.

I can't begin to tell you how much I regret not getting up to New York to take up that generous invitation you extended me in behalf of the wardroom. I wish you folks could have stayed up there a couple of months. Whom should I blame for your departure? According to the papers it was the Japs.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

WLS:LMc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

June 17, 1939

Lt. Comdr. T. J. Kelly
U.S.S. HOUSTON
Bremerton, Washington

Dear Mr. Kelly:

It was a pleasant surprise to get those several bottles of specimens. I am really glad to have them and also to know that you are keeping up your interest in biology. The least that I can do is to return you the postage that you expended in my behalf. Please don't hesitate to accept it, because what I send you is official postage. The Museum is glad to undertake the transportation of specimens that it receives. I believe what you have sent us are the first things that we have ever had from Bremerton.

With this I am sending you a copy of our so-called Explorations Pamphlet which has a few words about the Galapagos cruise in it. Also, through the mail in the near future, you will receive copies of the several papers that have appeared on the scientific results of the cruise. We did have a grand time and got a lot of material. Sometimes I am a bit surprised myself at the interesting things we turned up. I certainly would like to go back to Clipperton and spend at least a couple of days there trying to gather in everything I can lay my hands on. My own boss, Dr. Wetmore, is working over the birds and hopes to get out a little report on those that you got for us on that island.

I am also having a set of the publications sent to Captain Barker and Mr. Bailey. I am sorry that I cannot arrange to supply every one with a set, but if any members of the staff are interested in any particular paper, they may be able to obtain a copy by writing to the Smithsonian for it.

I had a very successful trip along the north coast of South America and got some interesting color photographs. The next thing in the books is a trip to the South Pacific, but I would rather be taking one that has been offered me to the west coast of South America. It would be cooler, for one thing. They have some awful surf down in those South Sea islands, and I guess more than once I will be wishing I had you to put me ashore.

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I am also a member of the Publishers' Association of the United States. I am sorry that I cannot arrange to supply every one with a copy, but all members of the staff are interested in my publication because they may be able to obtain a copy by writing to the Publisher for it.

I had a very successful trip along the north coast of South America and got some interesting color photographs. The next thing in the book is a trip to the Horn of Africa, but I would rather be taking one that has been offered me to the west coast of South America. It would be cooler, for one thing. They have some wild and down in those South Sea islands, and I guess more than once I will be returning I had you to that me as before.

May 12, 1939

Lieut-Comdr. Thomas J. Kelly, U.S.N.

U.S.S. HOUSTON

c/o The Postmaster

New York City

Dear Kelly:

At long last I am back in town. I had a grand trip along the north coast of South America, but found it quite a windy, at times boisterous place, both afloat and ashore.

I am heartbroken that I cannot get up to visit you folks aboard the HOUSTON before you sail on the 20th. I found the family dated up too far in advance to make it over the coming week-end, which would have been our only chance. During the week the children are busy at college and apparently are afraid to skip any more classes, as the final exams will soon be upon them. I would give 'most anything if I could get up there with the family.

We are still tremendously interested in the fish that you wrote about in your letter of invitation, if it is not too late. If you still have them, and I hope you have, won't you kindly ask the carpenter to make a wooden box, canvas lined, that will comfortably hold them, and then engage some local man who has dry ice available to line the box with corrugated paper and then put in the fish and dry ice. Tell this man to send us a bill for the ice and labor, and then ship the box to the U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C., express collect.

I know the Fish Division can make good use of the fish, and the trigger fish will be welcome, too. In a corner of the box there should be room for the octopus and the worm. Alcohol will keep them from freezing. Even if they do freeze, I don't think any great harm will come to them. From my point of view, these small specimens are perhaps of greatest interest, because the invertebrates fall to my Division here at the Museum.

What you got off the anchor chain in the Galapagos was very highly regarded here. The shrimps off Tagus Cove were specimens of which we have received no representatives since they were originally described, except for one lone specimen. The sea urchins taken at the same time were found to be a genus that had not heretofore been reported from the Galapagos Islands. I do appreciate your keeping an eye on that anchor chain, and the worm may be scientifically a very valuable specimen.

The Smithsonian is getting out some publications on the things that we collected on the HOUSTON. As soon as they come along, I shall send copies to both you and Mr. Bailey. I won't have enough copies available personally to send every one a copy.

I wish they had planned to leave you folks in New York during the life of the exposition. Then I surely would have been able to make it with the family. I am still hoping that there will be another HOUSTON expedition. If I have anything to say, it would take us back to Clipperton. I would like at least another day there, preferably two.

My very best to you and yours. Please remember me also to all of our mutual friends aboard.

Sincerely,

WLS:LMO

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

April 13, 1939

Lieut.-Comdr. Thomas J. Kelly, U.S.N.
U.S.S. HOUSTON
c/o Postmaster
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Kelly:

In the absence of Dr. Schmitt, who is away on an expedition, I wish to acknowledge your letter of March 26th and your invitation to him to visit the ship. He is now with an expedition working along the coasts of Venezuela and Colombia. They also expect to visit Trinidad and perhaps other islands of that region. He will return direct from the Canal Zone by passenger ship about the middle of next month.

I know that he very much wants to take his family on board the HOUSTON. Since he will not return in time to visit you at Norfolk, I feel quite sure that he will take the family to New York to see you if it is at all possible.

The Museum will be very glad to receive the specimens you speak of. You could send them up at your convenience. Perhaps the best way of shipping the fish would be to solder them in a tin container of alcohol if they are small enough for that. Otherwise, if they are large, would it be much trouble for you to ship them in dry ice? I am sorry that I know so little about fish. Our Curator of Fishes is also away on an expedition, and so I am unable to consult with him about what is best. If you have the space in your refrigerator, perhaps you could just leave them there until you are in New York, at which time Dr. Schmitt could advise you.

Very truly yours,

L. Mc

Secretary to Dr. Schmitt.

U. S. S. HOUSTON

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
26 March 1939.

Dear Schmitt,

As you know we expect to be in the Norfolk area from 21-27 April and in New York from about May 1st to 20th. I speak for all the officers on board when I write that I hope you and your family will come on board sometime during those periods to see the ship and have lunch or dinner.

Fishing has been poor but I have put a few specimens away in the ice box. If you want them please let me know otherwise I will put them over the side - 10 Barracuda - 3 Trigger fish.

I have also collected a few small specimens which I have in alcohol - a baby octopus with about a two inch body an eight inch worm that came up on the anchor from fifteen fathoms off Orangetown.

Hope you had a pleasant trip.

Sincerely,

Kelly
Kelly.

Thomas J. Kelly,
Lieut-Comdr., USN
U.S.S. HOUSTON.

January 4, 1939

Lt.-Commdr. T. J. Kelly
U. S. S. HOUSTON
Long Beach, California

Dear T.J.:

That's good news! I am indeed glad to have your letter of the 18th saying that you folks will be here the latter part of April. I hope that I will be back in time to greet you in person. Some time about the middle of March I am leaving for a little work along the north coast of Colombia and Venezuela. This time it is not with the President, though we had talked over some such possibility. The work that I will do, nevertheless, will be much the same sort of thing that you saw pulled off on the Houston, with, of course, a great deal less fishing. We could use somebody like you on a trip of that sort.

I wish I might write you that the wahoo was being mounted. The only specimens we have are those that came back from this last cruise, and so they are too valuable scientifically for study purposes to be put out of circulation as mounted specimens.

With regard to the article that I was planning to write, the National Geographic Magazine turned us all down. I am beginning to think that they are dyed in the wool Hooverites. The Museum is getting out a series of papers on the scientific results, for which I am now penning a brief introduction, something on the order of Captain Callaghan's log. I am making a brief but complimentary mention of the services you rendered in getting us ashore at Clipperton. Can you let me have a copy of the report that you planned to turn in to the Navy regarding the landing? I'd like to have the technical details, as it were, of the landing from the point of view of the commanding officer of the landing party, that is, if it is not an official secret.

If you do not hurry out of Washington when you come in April, I'll surely get back in time to greet you. Does your letter mean that you are being detached from the Houston, or will you join her again in New York? I am certainly going to take the family up there to see the ship, to let the kids see what their daddy traveled around on!

I gather that there won't be any serious fishing or scientific collecting for some months, because the President, although he may do fishing this spring, will have his time rather well occupied while afloat by the fleet maneuvers.

The best kind of Happy New Year to you and Mrs. Kelly. Here's to seeing you the latter part of April, or certainly early in May. Lots of good luck.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

WLS:LMc



U. S. S. HOUSTON

18 December, 1938

Dear Schmitt,

Just my best wishes to
you and your family for a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Kelly is planning on being
in Washington the last two weeks
in April and I hope to be with her.
I have told her of the Wahoo I caught
which I believe you are mounting.

We hope to see you and your
work and also hope that we won't
be too much of a bother to you.

Sincerely
Kelly

Is your article going to tell of our
experience in landing at Clipperton?

November 14, 1938

Lt.-Comdr. T. J. Kelley, U.S.N.
U.S.S. HOUSTON
Long Beach, California

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Naturally, I am sorry to hear the sad news about the sailfish heads, but I do hope that you will drop the matter of disciplining those responsible for throwing them overboard. Perhaps I should have wired you instead of using air mail. It is true that orders should be carried out regardless, but I do not know whether the sailfish were worth having the crew get down on the scientific angle of things.

We would be very glad to have specimens of sailfish, and the fact that you may get a chance to get something for us next spring will more than make up for the loss. Should you want to eat what you catch, the heads will always be acceptable. Then again, you know the President may be persuaded to repeat that cruise. I certainly would like to go over the same ground and get some of the things that I missed here and there.

It is too bad the sailfish were thrown over the side, because we were all up on our toes in anticipation of the specimens, but there is no use crying over spilt milk. Better luck next time.

My best to you for all your efforts in our behalf. My kind regards to the Captain and to Commander Bailey, too. Remember me to all the rest of our mutual friends on board.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

WLS:LMC

U. S. S. HOUSTON

7 November, 1938

Dear Doctor,

Oh my how I hate to do this but here goes. The fish were thrown overboard against orders and the Captain has disciplined the men concerned. Nothing more can be done except to say I am sorry and will try to get you better specimens next Spring.

Thursday I sent the carpenter down to take the measurements to build the box and the fish were gone. It even took quite a bit of detective work to find the guilty parties.

We are all working hard these days. Things should let up a little after the 3rd of December. We are all looking forward to our trip to the East Coast next spring. Also hope that the President will use us again for a trip if he is to make one.

Hope you and your family are all well.

Sincerely
Kelly

October 15, 1938

Lieut. Commander T. J. Kelly, U.S.N.,
U. S. S. Houston,
San Pedro, California.

Dear Kelly:

Any old time will do for those fish. Don't let it interfere with anything you are, or need to be doing. That cold storage room of yours is a wonderful place, and those fish heads would keep in good condition in there for years.

I have been doing everything else but my own specialty for the President's material collected. The fish list which I completed, I take it, is now in your hands along with Commander Callaghan's log which you folks are to bring on board.

I asked him to mention to you that I would like to get 100 reprints of the list alone. For these, I will be glad to pay for the cost of paper and printing. I want these extra copies to distribute among interested scientists, especially the workers on fishes.

We wired about the heads that you found in the freezer because we did not want to take a chance on having those go the way of the whole fish. It was certainly good of you to remember our wants when you were cleaning house.

What do you mean by returning those Government stamps? Uncle Sam was paying for them. If he was doing the same at your end, I won't send them back unless you let me know to the contrary.

It is a funny thing about Clipperton. We must get back there one of these years. We should have brought out a few of the cocoanuts. I am told that cocoanut palms run to several varieties, and that botanists can distinguish them on the characteristics of the nut. I am getting to the point where I will be able to send some of you folks some prints of the pictures I took on the cruise. I do not know whether I mentioned this in my last letter to you or not, but the President has not yet gotten his set although it will be ready for him in a couple of days.

Thank you for your good wishes. We are all feeling tip-top and at rest. I am looking forward to a good brisk winter here in Washington. Say what you want about California climate, but I do enjoy a good cold winter with plenty of snow. My very best to you and yours.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator

U. S. S. HOUSTON

Wednesday p. m.

Dear Doctor,

Your air mail letter arrived this evening. We are engaged in three weeks gunnery drills which will prevent expressing the fish until about the 24th or 25th. However they are in the cold storage so will keep just as well as they have in the past.

We'll send you an air mail letter the date the fish are shipped.

Hope you and your family are all well.

Sincerely
Kelly

September 9, 1938

Lieutenant Commander T. J. Kelley, U.S.N.
U. S. S. Houston
Mare Island, California

Dear Mr. Kelley:

That was certainly hard luck that we played into with those sailfish! Yet, there is hope. First of all, you promise to be on the look-out for one when you get back to the coast; and then, too, the President may go out for them again. As you know, he promised to take the Houston next year. I do wish, however, that we might have connected up with one of those specimens that you folks destroyed. I had thought of sending that letter air mail, but felt that nothing would be gained. That is where I made my mistake perhaps, but who would have thought that the ship was going to be sent up to Norfolk! After I heard that, I planned to come down and visit you folks over a week end, but before I could get started she was ordered off again. No doubt the majority of you are happier for having been ordered home.

I hope I didn't hurt Ageton's feelings too much when I told him that I also was working on an article for the National Geographic Magazine. Mr. Early and I had discussed it while the cruise was in progress, and not until I got my pictures developed and took them up to the Geographic did I know that I had a competitor in the field. Mr. Early has no objection to his writing up the naval angle but, as I am working on the scientific end of things, I didn't feel free to give him my notes and pictures which I had taken to embellish my own article.

The matter of having you folks stop at Clipperton on the way out was taken up with the Secretary of the Smithsonian, but he did not feel that we should bother the Navy Department for a thing of that sort after all the courtesies and favors we had received at your hands during the Presidential Cruise. It will have to go over until some other year, and certainly when I get the chance I shall work on the President to the extent of having him stop there again. I do hope that his next cruise will start sufficiently high up on the west coast to take in Clipperton.

That little lizard that was gotten ashore at Clipperton is a species that was not represented in our collections. Its home is in Polynesia, and Clipperton is the nearest approach that that species makes to the American mainland.

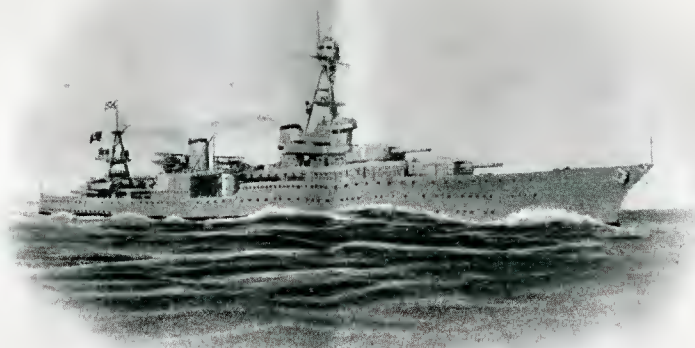
I haven't heard from my movies yet, but the color pictures came out very well indeed. If I don't get a chance before, I shall certainly bring them up to New York and give you all a look-see.

My best to you and all our mutual good friends aboard.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

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U. S. S. HOUSTON

20 August, 1938

Dear Elster Schmitt,

If your letter had only arrived prior to noon Friday 19 August, yesterday, you could have had a Sailfish. However the fish were found to be full of worms, were taken from the ice box and burnt yesterday afternoon. We are all sorry for we would liked to have given you one. Maybe next Spring if you want one I will be able to make delivery.

We are sailing early Monday morning for the west coast our orders having been changed again yesterday. The evening of the day you left Pensacola we were ordered to Norfolk. It is ~~too~~ too bad the orders could not have answered sooner so that you could have made the trip up with us and we could have enjoyed your pleasant company.

Hope you arrived home in a good frame of mind and don't think too harshly of the Navy.

Sincerely
Kelly.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

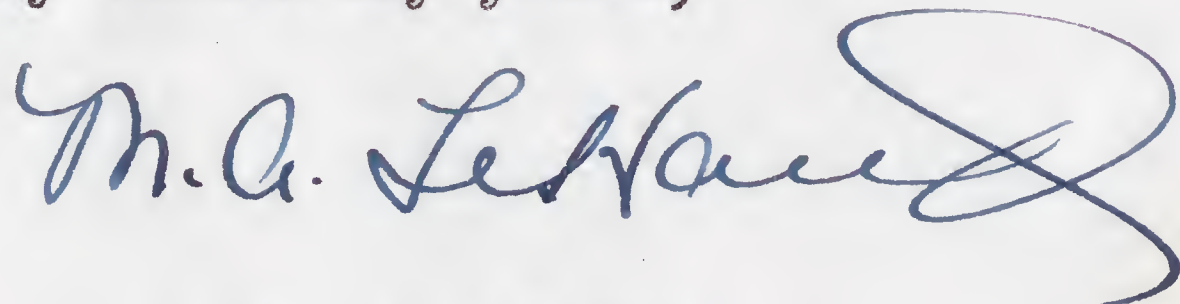
August 12, 1940

My dear Dr. Schmitt:

It was good of you to write me concerning the progress being made in compiling the scientific papers on the specimens collected on the President's cruise. I shall be glad to call the President's attention to your letter and I need not assure you that he will be delighted to have the volume of the scientific reports when they are completed.

Your good wishes are very much appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "M. A. LeHand". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

M. A. LeHand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
Division of Marine Invertebrates,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

August 3, 1940

Miss Marguerite LeHand
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss LeHand:

I promised you an accounting of the present status of the scientific reports on the specimens collected on the 1938 Presidential Cruise.

I wish I could say that all the studies are complete, but unfortunately I cannot. The amphipod specialist is still busy with these forms. They are more commonly known as beach fleas or sand hoppers. We are also awaiting returns on the isopods, or so-called fish lice and pill bugs. Otherwise, I am turning in to the Smithsonian Institution five reports, as follows:

Cushman, J. A. Recent Foraminifera from Old Providence Island.

Deichmann, Elisabeth. Coelenterates collected on the Presidential Cruise, 1938.

Stuart, Helen C. A new cephalopod mollusk from the Presidential Cruise of 1938.

Tattersall, W. M. Euphausiacea and Mysidacea collected on the Presidential Cruise of 1938.

Wharton, G. W. Acarina of the Presidential Cruise of 1938.

I hope to see these in print at a reasonably early date, and the other papers will follow along as soon as practicable. I am afraid it will be some time next summer before all reports that can be

obtained on the specimens will be complete. I am sorry that we cannot make it sooner, for I, too, would like to be able to bind all of the scientific papers into one volume. When we can, we shall have a presentation volume bound for President Roosevelt.

My very best regards and good wishes to the President and yourself.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

WLS:Lmc

June 13, 1939

Mr. Gerard Piel
Life Magazine
Time & Life Building
Rockefeller Center
New York City

Dear Mr. Piel:

Thank you for your letter. The pictures and publications arrived safely yesterday.

The real scientific worth of the material collected by many an expedition is not known until some years later. It takes time to study the material and get the reports about it published. Scenes taken during the course of an expedition are another matter. The pictures that I sent you of the new species should really have been newsworthy from the point of view of your publication because, as you may know, in science the names of new species, including of course those that were named for the President, actually date from the day that the publication in which they appear is issued. For instance, the mollusks date from today, June 13th, the day that the publication is being distributed. That is why in my one letter to you I stated that those pictures could not be released before the 13th of the month. Those species are new as of today, irrespective of the date of collection. True enough, the actual cruise is now nearly a year out of date.

Does your organization have a few words available regarding your policies with respect to pictures? Timeliness, I know, must be a guiding principle with you.

I shall certainly bear in mind your suggestion and let you yourself know when next I return from a field trip.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

WLS:LMc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

June 12, 1939

Mr. Gerard Piel
Life Magazine
Time & Life Building
Rockefeller Center
New York City

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Dr. Waldo Schmitt
U. S. National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

The apologies are all on my side. We are a funny crowd as you say; The reason is that we number about sixty and are always on the watch for stories.

I did not know when I wired you that a.) the cruise was last Summer (i. e. that the Franklinia Rooseveltia discoveries were made last summer) and b.) that the idea had already been submitted and rejected.

Why it was rejected I do not know, but it is now too late to fit the story into LIFE's news formula.

I very much regret that I put you to all the trouble of printing pix, sorting them out and the expense of mailing.

Let me take this as an occasion, however, to assure you that LIFE is very much interested in the activities of scientists in the field and is always glad to print their good pictures - providing we can get them fast enough. This despite the rejection out of hand of your story when you submitted it last fall. Please do keep in touch with me when you next set out on an expedition.

Your pictures are on their way under separate cover, with your return postage enclosed. My thanks for your response and apologies for having put you to the fruitless effort.

Very truly yours,

June 9

Gerard Piel

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EDITORIAL OFFICES

Dr. Waldo Schmitt
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

This will confirm my wire of this morning:
LIFE Magazine is very much interested in printing pictures of your botanical and zoological discoveries which you have named after the President.

Together with these we should like to see whatever other interesting pictures you have brought back from your expedition, including pictures of yourself and party.

It is understood that LIFE will pay to you its regular space rates on publication.

I look forward to hearing from you and to seeing your pictures.

Very truly yours,

A red ink signature, likely of Gerard Piel, written in a cursive style. The signature is written over the typed name "Gerard Piel" and extends upwards and to the left, crossing over the words "Very truly yours,".

June 7

Gerard Piel

June 7, 1939

Mr. Gerard Piel
Life Magazine
New York City

Dear Mr. Piel:

You are a funny crowd! When I returned from the Presidential Cruise last summer I offered you folks first choice of all my pictures, including over 100 selected Kodachromes, but you were not interested. I still have those Kodachromes. Some of them are scientifically worth while and many of them are very beautiful pictures, including an extremely interesting set of the Neptune party that was held aboard the Houston, all in color.

With this I am sending you a copy each of all publications by the Smithsonian that have appeared to date on the Presidential Cruise. I can furnish you with copies of all the pictures that appear in these publications. At this time you seem to be most interested in the new species that were collected.

Folded into the publication on the new palm are a series of photographs carrying the same number as the plate and figure with which they correspond.

In the front of the Explorations Pamphlet separate is a photograph of the Houston off Cocos Island.

The echinoderm report by Mr. Clark, like that on the palm, is also interleaved with photographs corresponding to the plates.

The two new species of fish are line cuts which you could photograph from the publication by Mr. Ginsburg. Should you want the original drawings, which are four times this size, I can send them on as soon as I hear from you.

There is a report on the mollusks collected on the Presidential Cruise which will appear on the 13th of the month. I send you the original photographs of the plates that will appear in that report, but these should not be used if the pictures will appear before the 13th. On or after that date will be all right. As these are original copy, I would like to have them returned here when you are through

with them, whether you use them or not. This applies to all the photographs I send you. Even those that you may use I would like returned here when you are through with them. The mollusk plates are accompanied with names corresponding to the several figures. I cannot send you text until it appears in print.

There will be other papers in the near future.

Do you want Kodachrome pictures of this Cocos Island palm? If you will wire me on receipt of this letter, I can send them up to you by special delivery mail. There are about fifteen pictures of Cocos Island scenes, chiefly of the palm. A number of the pictures in the palm report were taken from Kodachrome slides of mine.

Very truly yours,

WLS:LMc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

P.S. All photos not otherwise credited (on back of each) are Courtesy of Smithsonian Institution.

Those taken by R. B. Thompson were taken by him for me, as he was my photographer for most of the cruise, and took all pictures I did not have time to take myself.

As you will note, the photographs of the shells and starfish were made by the Photographic Laboratory of the U. S. National Museum. Please take good care of all pictures. Return postage enclosed.

Names of mollusks

NOTE: All of the mollusks figured on plates 1-5 are new species. In using these names in print, follow each one by the names of the joint authors, Bartsch & Rehder, and if you use the magnification indication it should follow the author's name; i.e., Marginella roosevelti Bartsch & Rehder, x 2.

PLATE 1.

- Fig. 1. Tritonalia (Ocinebrina) caribbaea, x 4.
2-3. Marginella roosevelti, x 2.
4. Conus roosevelti, x 4.
5. Conus magdalenensis, x 2.
6. Terebra roosevelti, x 2.
7. Conus roosevelti, x 4.
8. Engina earlvi, x 4.
9. Conus magdalenensis, x 2.

PLATE 2.

- Fig. 1-3. Peasiella roosevelti, x 10.
4. Littorina schmitti, x 4.
5. Alvania nigrescens, x 10.
6. Nitidella guttata baileyi, x 4.
7-9. Hipponix fimbriata, x 4.
10-12. Tegula (Chlorostoma) barkeri, x 4.

PLATE 3.

- Fig. 1-2, 4-5. Ctena clippertonensis, x 2.
3. Ctena clippertonensis, detail of sculpture, x 10.
6-10. Chama rubropicta, x 4.

PLATE 4.

- Fig. 1-2. Lyonsia (Phlyctiderma) lucasana, x 2.
3. Lyonsia (Phlyctiderma) lucasana, detail of sculpture, x 10.
4-7. Brachidontes multiformis houstonius, n. subsp., x 4.
8-10. Aplysia cedrosensis, shell, natural size.

PLATE 5.

Aplysia cedrosensis, natural size.

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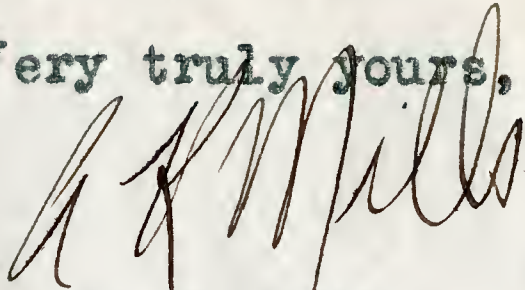
Mr. Waldo L. Schmitt
Smithsonian Institution
United States National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schmitt:

Thank you for your letter of September fourteenth. I am afraid at the present time we would have no interest in the Presidential cruise to the Galapagos Islands. I am however making a note of this material, and in the event it should come up in the future, I hope you will let me call on you for it.

Best wishes.

Very truly yours,



A. K. Mills
Contributions Editor

AKM:MEC

July 27, 1938

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

Lunz wanted the enclosed letter forwarded to you. He said it was too good a chance to rib you, and he wants to take advantage of the opportunity.

I sent the 1924 Navy Conference report the other day. No one was able to find anything for 1925, so we all concluded that you had the date confused. I do hope I sent the right thing. Mrs. Clark called the Navy and talked to a man who sat in on that conference, and he said he was sure that was what you meant.

Michelson in the Bureau of Ethnology died yesterday. I never heard of him, but you may know him. He was sick for quite a long time.

It is getting hot again after about ten days of rain.

Florence says she is going to have her picture put in the paper with the caption, "I know Dr. Schmitt, who is with the President." She says, "I have to brag some way. I'm telling every one now that his secretary is one of my friends." You'll be the big potato when you get back here, all right!

I got my new glasses. I didn't go to your man, after all my tormenting you for his name. My doctor friend recommended another oculist whose fee was only \$10, so I tried him. I haven't been back yet to have the lenses checked (he told me to come back in a week, and it isn't up yet), but they feel fine. I didn't realize how inadequate the old glasses had become. I don't squint at my copy holder now and I haven't any more headaches, either.

Captain Johnson retired a few days ago. They took up a collection, as usual, and got a lot of money. They gave him a purse containing a hundred dollar bill!

Mr. Shoemaker says he hopes you are having a good time. He has just finished fixing up Hobbs' crayfish paper. It was a mess, and I am retyping most of it. Mr. Shoemaker is now working on the Panning paper, and groaning at the end of every sentence!

I heard over the radio that you will be in Panama next Thursday and Friday. If your time is too short, don't bother about my tablecloths. Maybe the war in China will have cut off the supply, anyway. If they don't have any, and you still have time to look for something for me, I could use a jade ring for a gift. I got one when I was there in the Hindu shop next door to Sahli's on the left for \$4.00. If you should see one, get a plain one (not carved), with a longish set-- a little finger ring. The size of your little finger, or a bit smaller ought to be about right. I would like to give it

to Florence. She has always liked ~~me~~ mine, except that she doesn't want a carved one, as mine is.

However, I'd rather have the tablecloths, or at least one if the price is higher than \$2.50, than anything else. But if your time is too limited, forget all about the whole business.

Don't forget to say something nice to the Zeteks for me.

Hildebrand was in the other day just to talk for a few minutes. Schulz was away for a while and Miss Gruber was making the coffee for her friends! She asked me ~~xxxx~~ once, but I couldn't go that day. She told me to come one day the next week, but by that time Schulz was back and it was all off. She hasn't got him properly trained yet!

Sincerely,

Lucile Mc Cain

July 25, 1938

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

Your radiogram was on my desk when I arrived this morning. With the help of Mr. Clark, I rummaged in the case back of me and found three mimeographed copies of "Conference on Oceanography--Convened by the Honorable the Secretary of the Navy to consider all matters pertaining to a proposed U. S. Naval Expedition for research in Oceanography, 1924." It consists chiefly of a report of the discussion of the conference members (you, Clark, and Bartsch representing the Smithsonian). There is no set speech by you, only your part in the discussion. I'm not sure this is what you want.

Mrs. Clark is trying to find out from the Navy Department or L.C. if there was such a conference again in 1925 and if you gave a talk then. Mr. Clark seems to think this 1924 report is what you mean. If Mrs. Clark is unable to locate anything for 1925, I shall send a copy of the 1924 report. Mr. Clark said probably better send you the entire report instead of typing out your part of the discussion. Separated from its context, it might not be much good.

We have enjoyed the news items which we see almost every day referring to your "valuable" collections. In an item in the News the other day you were referred to as "Professor Otto Schmitt." Most of the news items call you "Professor." Who's giving out the publicity? I'm saving everything I see, and other people are good about saving clippings from the papers I don't read.

It rained all last week and was somewhat cooler as a consequence, although sticky and muggy.

I am enclosing an excerpt from a letter from Mrs. Robson. When your name began to be mentioned in the papers so much I finally wrote her and told her the name of the ship. Thought I might as well make the gesture; she'd probably see it for herself anyway. I think she's mad at me again, but that may not protect us from another visit. My friend, in whose house she had the room, said she asked about the availability of the room in September when she comes back!

Are you getting anything to eat but fish? From the newspaper stories it would seem not.

Nothing of special interest seems to have happened.

Remember me to the Zeteks if you see them.

Sincerely,

Lucile McCain

EXCERPT

33rd and Easton Boulevard
Des Moines, Iowa.
July 10, 1938

Dear Lucile:

First about Dr. Schmitt. He has probably gone. If you can reach him you might send him the following information.

Keys to our establishment are in the hands of

Mrs. A. C. Wood, who doesn't know a great deal about the specimens, but who is very accommodating, as well as good-looking, and would be willing to taxi Dr. Schmitt around. She does not have a phone, but lives on the Prado at the end nearest the Admin steps and not on the side the school is on. Her husband's name is in the phone book (office) and he would be glad to deliver a message. I am writing to her.

Alvin Johnson, who, if called, will be glad to open the door. Alvin is president of the society, but he doesn't know a great deal about the specimens, either. Call Quarry Heights, ask for Warrant Officer Johnson's quarters, and ask for Alvin.

Those are the only keys out. However, Gladys Barnard, Mrs. Paul D., Phone 4-445, knows more about the specimens, and would get the key and chauffeur.

If you will let me know the name of the yacht, I shall air mail word to these people, so that they will be on the watchout. Even if you can't communicate with Dr. Schmitt, still, they will probably be able to contact him.

. . . .

Eleanor Robson.

July 11, 1938

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

I am enclosing the letter from Swett which just came this morning. He got your letter about the movies, all right. He's just been dawdling along! I hope you get this before you see him, though I suppose it doesn't much matter.

You made your get-away just in time, didn't you? I've been envying you in your nice air-cooled train today. It is already 90 in the office here, and it is not yet noon. I hope they will let us off this afternoon, though I don't know what one can do to keep cool. Might as well be working.

A letter came from de Laubenfels this morning enclosing a chapter from his book which he wanted you to read and check over. I have written him telling him that you will be away until about September first and asking him what he wants me to do with the chapter of the book--hold it until you come back, or return it to him. He also said he would take the Coker Peruvian sponges, and I have made out invoices for them.

A long letter came from Mrs. Benchley about the gorillas. I don't see any point in forwarding it to you. You will be able to see her carbon, and she can tell you about them. In the letter she says she is sending pictures, but they have not yet arrived.

I copied the summary of the article about luminescence and shall send it to Gen. Del., San Diego, as you directed.

The separates of Wilson's paper on the oyster parasites have just come. It is a big thick bundle, with "123" marked on the outside, which I suppose indicates the number of separates. I don't remember how many Wilson wanted, and I cannot find his letter in which he said. I think it was 50, but I shall write him and ask him.

A big thick bundle just came by express from the University of Virginia. It is a manuscript on Turbellaria which they want you to present to the Museum for publication. I shall try to get Mr. Shoemaker to look at it, but I am trying to bring things to his attention gently one at a time. I spoke to him this morning about Miss Hartman's things and that you wanted him either to help Kelly pack them or watch him do it. From the answer he gave me, I am afraid he has no intention of doing either. I shall try to keep my eye on the packing.

I meant to tell you when you get to Panama and see the Zeteks please say some nice words to them about how much I enjoyed everything they did for me and how often I think of it and speak of it. Think up something nice to say to them about it.

I hope you have a whale of a good time and keep cooler than we are able to do right now.

Sincerely,

Lucile McCain

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Fisheries

Washington

December 7, 1938

In reply refer to 800

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt
U. S. National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Dear Schmitt:

Sometime ago I told you of a proposed publication on the fishes of the western North Atlantic. Since that time rather definite plans have been formulated. The work is to cover the vast area reaching from Hudson Bay to the mouth of the Amazon, from the shores (brackish water) to a depth of about 100 fathoms.

It is proposed to give a full synonymy for each species, references to publications containing useful information, a description, a summary of the life history and rather complete statements of its distribution. It is hoped, also that an illustration for each species can be given. Keys for all groups will be introduced.

Although the Sears Foundation of Yale University will bear the cost of publication and incidentals, the work is to be done by volunteers. Professor A. E. Parr, who is in charge of the Foundation, Mr. John Tee Van of the New York Zoological Society, Mr. Charles M. Breder of the New York Aquarium, Mr. William C. Schroeder of the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Mr. Henry Sears, the benefactor, and the writer constituted themselves an organizing committee, and each one has assumed an extensive responsibility, either as business manager or in an editorial capacity. Various ichthyologists either have been or will be requested to prepare manuscript on groups with which they are especially familiar. It is hoped in that way to avoid placing too much work on any one person, and to hasten the completion of the publication.

It is understood that we wish to make this work as comprehensive as possible. Though the fauna of the Atlantic Coast, at least as far south as Mexico and the West Indies, is fairly well known, there is great need of collections from the northeastern coast of South America, or from the Amazon to Panama. I know of the desire you long have

had to collect along the coast from Trinidad to Panama, an area you failed to reach on the Hartford Expedition. The study of a good series of specimens of fish from that region would add greatly to the value of the proposed work. It is hoped, therefore, that you may find the time and opportunity to visit and collect in the region mentioned. It is expected that the first volume of the proposed publication will be ready for the printer in about two years, and that other volumes will be ready for publication at intervals of about one year.

Wishing you success in all your efforts, I am

Sincerely yours,

[Signed] Samuel F. Hildebrand

Samuel F. Hildebrand
Senior Ichthyologist.

June 17, 1939

Ensign R. W. Meyers, U.S.N.
U. S. Naval Air Station
Pensacola, Florida

Dear Mr. Meyers:

I can hardly believe that so much time has elapsed since you wrote me from Pensacola. The chief trouble has been that I was in South America when your letter arrived and I have just gotten around to the accumulated mail that awaited me on my return.

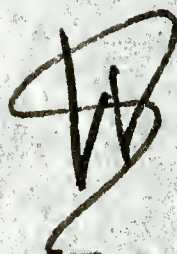
From the one flight I made over the Galapagos I can well see your interest in aviation. It was the treat of a lifetime to see those scientifically famous islands from the air.

I am sorry you can't help me to the picture of what was taken to be Cowan's grave, and I am writing Johnson to see if he can locate the man who took it for me.

We are finally getting around to publishing some of the scientific results of the cruise. With this I am sending you a copy of a few notes that appeared in the so-called Smithsonian Explorations Pamphlet, and from our publications office I am having sent you the report on the new species of palm that we got on Cocos Island. A copy of that paper is going to each of those who accompanied me on that hike up the mountain.

I wish you all success with your flying and hope that one of these days we may meet again on another Pacific cruise.

Sincerely,



Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

WLS:L^{Mc}

Naval Air Station
Pensacola, Fla.
March 27, 1939

Dr. W. L. Schmitt, Curator
Smithsonian Institute
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schmitt:

I hope you will forgive this regrettable delay in answering your letter of 13 February, but your letter took a round about course. I was detached from the Houston 1 Feb. I now Charleston it went to New York, then to Cuba, and then to the Air Station at Pensacola where I am now taking aviation training.

I regret to inform you that I am not your man; Ensign B. Johnson took the searching party ashore and I am sure he is the man who has the information on the picture you refer to.

I hoped to have the pleasure of seeing you again on my home

on leave during February, but un-
fortunately I had a lay-over in
Philadelphia instead of Washington
as I had expected.

Thank you very much for the
invitation and I will drop in
to see you the next time I'm in
Washington. How did the palms
we got on Cocos Is. turn out?

O.K.

Eph. P. M. Ph.

Sincerely,

R. W. Myers Ensign, U. S. N.
U. S. Naval Air Station
Pensacola, Fla.

February 13, 1939

Ensign R. W. Meyers, U.S.N.
U.S.S. HOUSTON
c/o Postmaster
Charleston, South Darolina

Dear Mr. Meyers:

I think you are the man. I wanted so much to get a print of that picture that one of the crew took of what we thought was the Cowan grave site. Were you not the officer who was present at the time and got his name as we were shoving off to the ship? If so, I hope you can either get a print or borrow the negative and let me have it for a short time. If you are not the man, could it have been B. Johnson? I spoke to both J.P.M. Johnson and Ingham, whom I enjoyed seeing here at the office, about my wanting a copy of the picture. Perhaps they have spoken to you by this time, but, in any case, I write at this time in order that I may get one if it is to be had.

If you happen up this way some time, don't hesitate to drop in.

Sincerely,

WLS:LMC

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

MEMORANDUM

June 17, 1939

Dear Miss Munroe:

You will recall my speaking to you about having several full sets of the publications on the scientific results of the Presidential Cruise sent to some of the officers and men aboard the HOUSTON who did most to help me make the collections. Will you not kindly put the following names on such a mailing list:

Captain G. N. Barker, U.S.N.
Professor of Naval Science and Tactics
Harvard University

Commander C. A. Bailey, U.S.N.
U.S.S. HOUSTON
Bremerton, Washington

Lt. Comdr. T. J. Kelly, U.S.N.
U.S.S. HOUSTON
Bremerton, Washington

Mr. R. B. Thompson, SK3c
U.S.S. HOUSTON
Bremerton, Washington

Mr. J. T. Barron, Sealc
U.S.S. HOUSTON
Bremerton, Washington

Mr. W. A. Bartos, CBM
U.S.S. POTOMAC
Navy Yard
Washington, D. C.

Mr. J. L. Learson
Room 2049
Navy Department
Washington, D. C.

Mr. R. Hoag, Sealc
U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS
Mare Island Navy Yard
Mare Island, California

Dr. Schmitt
These will be sent
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dated June 23.

H. Munroe

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Mr. Fred C. Ziesenhenn
Allan Hancock Foundation
University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California

Capt. G. Allan Hancock
Allan Hancock Expeditions
7024 Melrose Avenue
Los Angeles, California

In addition, a copy of Dr. Cook's report on the new palm should be sent to each of the members of the party that helped me bring out the specimens that made the description possible. They are mentioned in the footnote on page 2 of Dr. Cook's paper. Other than Learson, Thompson, and Barron, whose addresses are given above, they are as follows:

Lt. Comdr. R. M. Peacher, U.S.N.
U.S.S. HOUSTON
Bremerton, Washington

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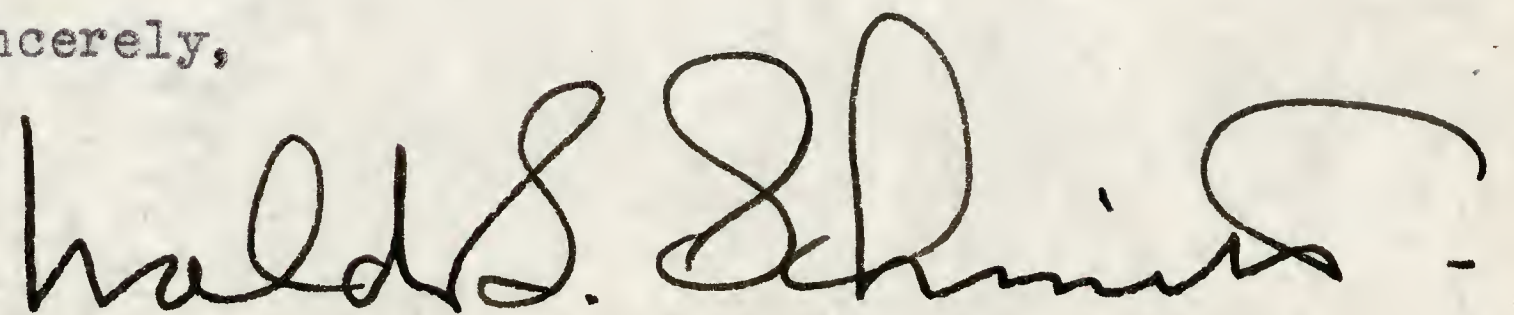
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Bremerton, Washington

Mr. L. F. McPherson, Sea2c
U.S.S. HOUSTON
Bremerton, Washington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. S. Schmidt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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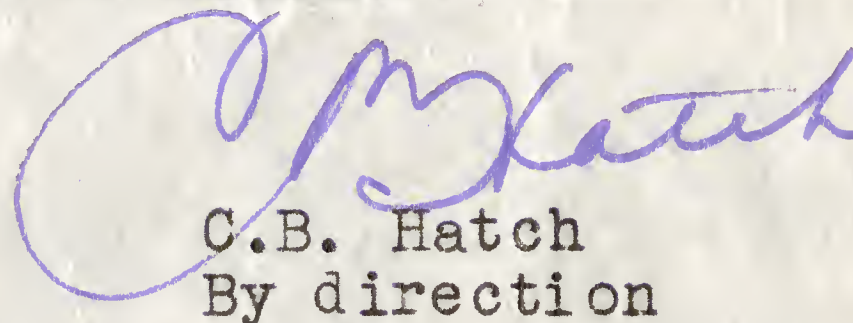
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September 12, 1938

Mr. W. H. Osborne
U.S.S. Houston
Navy Yard
Mare Island, California

Dear Mr. Osborne:

I am sorry to put you to all the trouble of writing back and forth about that bottle of Shalimar. I shall be very glad to have it for my daughter, and send you herewith a new money order to take the place of the old one. I shall have it drawn on the post master on board or, failing that, on the one at Mare Island.

The cigarette lighters will be much appreciated and I can't begin to tell you how much I am looking forward to seeing the cruise book.

I wish you all kinds of luck in whatever you may undertake after you leave the Navy. You no doubt will miss the Houston as much as I do, and perhaps they will miss you quite a bit, too, for you did give wonderful service to the Ships Service.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

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ADDRESSES _____

FOR _____

U.S.S. HOUSTON

Navy Yard,
Mare Island, California
September 7, 1938

Dear Dr. Schmitt,

As you have probably already guessed your letter missed me at Panama. We arrived at the Navy Yard, San Francisco, today and when all the mail, which had travelled half way around the world, arrived your letter was delivered to me.

It is fortunate that I have a small bottle of Shalimar which I bought for myself, and which I am glad to send to you. The stock of perfume in the Ship's Service Store was gone before we got to port. I bought over fifty dollars worth of those things for myself because, as I told you before, I am leaving the Navy Oct. 22nd, and will not have another opportunity to buy at such good prices. However, when I wrote to my wife about the amount I spent she gave me a severe lecture on frugality so I don't mind parting with part of my collection.

Perhaps there may be something you can do for me in the future (in Washington). I am sure that if anyone could do something for me there it would be you. However, I am hoping that when I leave the Navy next month I will have something lined up that will insure me a financially stable future. I gave Mr. Reilly a list of my qualifications in the event something turned up in Washington.

Incidentally, the cost of the Shalimar perfume is \$6.40 for the small bottle. I am sending you three of the cigarette lighters, which, if you will permit me, I would like to make a gift of.

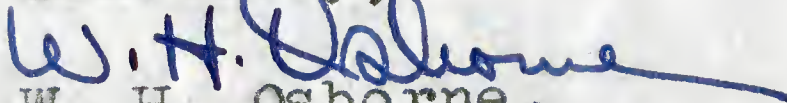
Enclosed is your money order which I am unable to cash due to its being drawn on the postmaster at Balboa. You may cash it at the station it was issued from.

The book (about the cruise) will soon be finished. I will see that you get a copy of it.

I am giving my residence address below and in the event you ever decide to take a vacation out California way please look me up.

3641 East 6th Street
Long Beach, California
Phone 807-58

Sincerely,


W. H. Osborne.

August 16, 1938

Mr. W. H. Osborne
Ships Service
U.S.S. Houston
c/o Postmaster
Balboa, Canal Zone

Dear Mr. Osborne:

Enclosed is a money order for \$6.00. I would like very much to have one of those \$5.00 bottles of Shalimar. You could send it on to me from California.

For the extra dollar I would like to have as many as it will buy of those little tubular blue cigarette lighters with the outline of the Houston on one side. They are about $3/8$ " in diameter and 2-1/2 to 3" long.

This, of course, will not take care of postage, but you can ship the package to me C.O.D. for enough to cover the postage, if you will. I hope this isn't asking too much of you. Perhaps I can do you a little favor here in Washington.

I did have a grand time on the ship and want to thank each and every one of you for making it the pleasant occasion that it was. I hope that I may have another opportunity of travelling along with the outfit on the Houston.

My best regards to you.

Sincerely,

WLS:IMc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates

September 15, 1938

Lieut. H. Rideout, U.S.N.
U.S.S. HOUSTON
Long Beach, California

Dear Lieut. Rideout:

Here are just a few prints that we took on that cloudy day we went over to Harborough. It wasn't much of a day for picture taking and so we will have to make the most of these indifferent prints. Nevertheless, you can see yourself in two of them. Of those I send a number of copies. Won't you kindly give one of each to the several men who appear in the picture? I think there are enough to go around. If not, I shall send more. The four singles show the place where we got the iguanas and a couple of pictures of them.

We had better luck with the dolor and I have a nice series of this little excursion and of the iguanas, too, but, as you know, one can't easily get copies of Kodachrome pictures unless one gets them published.

I don't need to tell you and the rest of the wardroom how much I enjoyed the cruise. It was a grand one and, thanks to you, good eats all the way. I never shall forget the grafted mangoes. Were they grafted before we got them, or did we do the grafting? They certainly were good and my mouth is watering for them right now!

The Navy has certainly kept you folks on the jump, but I hope they will leave you in Long Beach long enough at least to get this letter.

Sincerely,

WLS:LMc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

June 26, 1939

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am very happy to have that autographed set of reprints of the scientific results of your cruise to the Galapagos. It is something that any man would prize and which I shall always treasure as a memento of one of the most successful and enjoyable cruises in which I ever participated.

The little palms I left for you should at some early opportunity be transplanted, but the gardener should be warned not to disturb the roots, as they are very brittle. The little plants, with the earth around their roots, should be put in a larger container with additional soil.

Sincerely,

WLS:LMc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

June 5, 1939

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

With this are twenty-five copies each of the second, third, and fourth papers so far to appear on the scientific results of the Presidential Cruise that I bring you with a letter of transmittal from Dr. Abbot. These are but a portion of the reports to be published on the collections. Additional reports are expected in the next week or two.

The most interesting of the lot is the report by Dr. Cook describing the new palm from Cocos Island, which he so kindly named for you. It was Dr. O. F. Cook (retired), of the Department of Agriculture, who apprised me of the presence of an undescribed species of palm on Cocos. I am both proud and happy that he has been kind enough to name it Franklin Roosevelt's palm, Rooseveltia frankliniana, for it proved to represent a new genus, as well as a new species.

All of the seeds of this palm that we brought back sprouted and now are sturdy seedlings. I herewith leave four of them for you. The glass bell jar is to protect them from undue evaporation and should be kept on most of the time, but they do need a breathing and airing spell, for which the glass can be removed for a time. They also need plenty of water, but not too much. Your greenhouse man will know best. The seedlings were grown in the Department of Agriculture greenhouses at Glendale. Naturally, in this latitude they will have to be kept in a greenhouse when they get too large for house use.

You will be entertaining Royalty this week. One of the nicest presents you could make the King would be several of these palms for the world famous Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew. As a brand new species, they should prove a novel and interesting addition to the collections of the Gardens. I am sure that the Department of

Agriculture would gladly attend to the matter of shipping any palms that you may care to present to the King, in order to insure their successful delivery in England.

If you care to present seedlings to other institutions, botanical gardens, or friends who are in a position to care for them, this can also be done. I have asked that twenty-five be set aside for your disposal. The number can easily be doubled if you desire.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
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December 9, 1938

The Honorable
The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a letter that may be of some interest to you, inasmuch as it has some bearing on useful work that might be done off the north coast of South America from a scientific point of view.

Anything in the line of specimens of fish from that stretch of coast would materially enhance the contemplated monographic reports which will of necessity run into several volumes and which will be as fundamental to the study of ichthyology in the days to come as those early Museum bulletins by Jordan and Evermann on the fishes of North and Middle America have been in the past.

These bulletins need revision and bringing up to date, and the series, whose publication is to be financed by the Sears Foundation at Yale, is being planned from that point of view so far as American Atlantic waters are concerned.

I hand you Dr. Hildebrand's letter so that you may put it with your notes bearing on the desirability of ~~ichthyological~~ scientific investigations along the north coast of South America.

Respectfully,

WLS:LMc

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Fisheries

Washington

December 7, 1938

In reply refer to 800

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt
U. S. National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Dear Schmitt:

Sometime ago I told you of a proposed publication on the fishes of the western North Atlantic. Since that time rather definite plans have been formulated. The work is to cover the vast area reaching from Hudson Bay to the mouth of the Amazon, from the shores (brackish water) to a depth of about 100 fathoms.

It is proposed to give a full synonymy for each species, references to publications containing useful information, a description, a summary of the life history and rather complete statements of its distribution. It is hoped, also that an illustration for each species can be given. Keys for all groups will be introduced.

Although the Sears Foundation of Yale University will bear the cost of publication and incidentals, the work is to be done by volunteers. Professor A. E. Parr, who is in charge of the Foundation, Mr. John Tee Van of the New York Zoological Society, Mr. Charles M. Breder of the New York Aquarium, Mr. William C. Schroeder of the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Mr. Henry Sears, the benefactor, and the writer constituted themselves an organizing committee, and each one has assumed an extensive responsibility, either as business manager or in an editorial capacity. Various ichthyologists either have been or will be requested to prepare manuscript on groups with which they are especially familiar. It is hoped in that way to avoid placing too much work on any one person, and to hasten the completion of the publication.

It is understood that we wish to make this work as comprehensive as possible. Though the fauna of the Atlantic Coast, at least as far south as Mexico and the West Indies, is fairly well known, there is great need of collections from the northeastern coast of South America, or from the Amazon to Panama. I know of the desire you long have

had to collect along the coast from Trinidad to Panama, an area you failed to reach on the Hartford Expedition. The study of a good series of specimens of fish from that region would add greatly to the value of the proposed work. It is hoped, therefore, that you may find the time and opportunity to visit and collect in the region mentioned. It is expected that the first volume of the proposed publication will be ready for the printer in about two years, and that other volumes will be ready for publication at intervals of about one year.

Wishing you success in all your efforts, I am

Sincerely yours,

[Signed] Samuel F. Hildebrand

Samuel F. Hildebrand
Senior Ichthyologist.